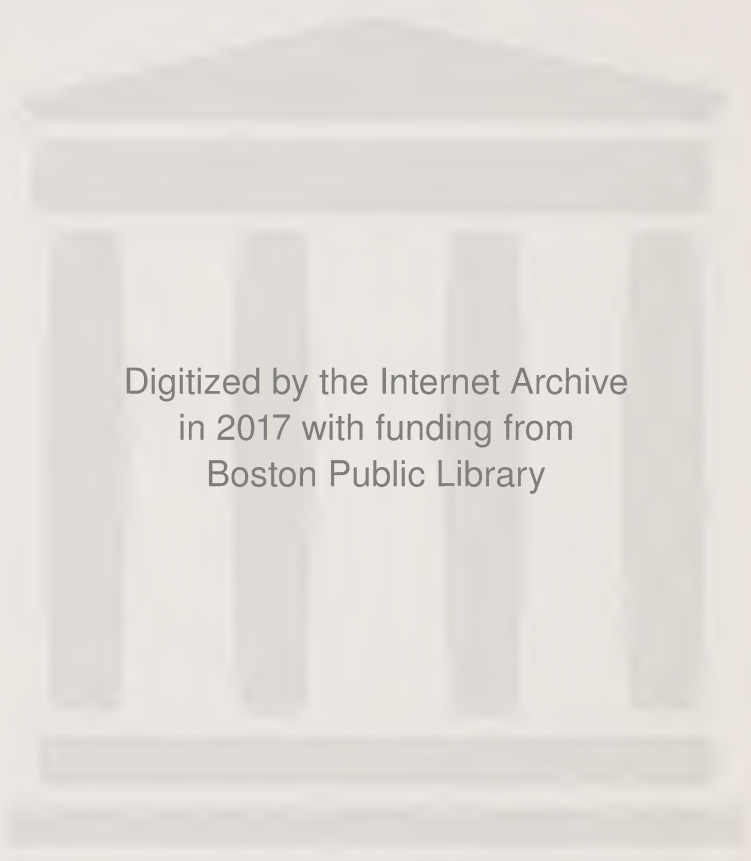




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CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

CITY OFFICERS,

MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

AND THE

ANNUAL REPORTS

TO THE CITY COUNCIL



FOR THE YEAR 1897,

TOGETHER WITH

CITY OFFICERS, AND MAYOR'S ADDRESS AT THE ORGAN-
IZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT,
JANUARY 3, 1898.

NEWBURYPORT:
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OF THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

OFFICE HOURS.

MAYOR: From 11 a. m. to 12 m.

CITY CLERK: From 9 a. m. to 12 m; 2 to 4 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m. June, July and August, 8.30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR: From 9 a. m. to 12 m; 2 to 4 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. First Thursday evening after the first Monday, 7 to 9. June, July and August, 8.30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

CLERK OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR: From 9 a. m. to 12 m; 2 to 4 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m. June, July and August, 8.30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: From 4 to 5 p. m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m., Wednesdays and Saturdays.

PAY DAYS.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {
JANUARY, 1898. }

Regular weekly pay day, Monday. Monthly pay day, first Thursday after first Monday of each month. Military aid is payable the first day of each month.

Please call on the regular pay day for your money.

JAMES V. FELKER, City Treasurer.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, {
JANUARY, 1898. }

Persons having bills against the city are requested to present them at this office on or before the last Monday of each month.

Charges against the different departments must be made out on separate bills.

Be careful and note who ordered the article or articles; and if for labor, where it was performed, and under whose direction, with the proper dates, and approval of person ordering the same.

GEORGE H. STEVENS, City Clerk.



CITY GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS---1897.

MAYOR,

ANDREW R. CURTIS.

Residence, 274 Merrimac street. Office—City Hall.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ward One.

HENRY J. NOYES . . . 68½ Bromfield st.

Ward Two.

JAMES D. LEWIS . . . 68 Lime street.

Ward Three.

BENJAMIN P. IRELAND . . . 14 Fair street.

Ward Four.

ABRAM A. CRABTREE . . . 35 Winter street.

Ward Five.

JERE HEALEY . . . 16 Dove street.

Ward Six.

WILLIAM C. COFFIN . . . 272 High street.

Clerk of Board.

GEORGE H. STEVENS.

COMMON COUNCIL.

JAMES F. CARENS, President.

Ward One.

JERE B. LUNT	.	.	.	9 Bromfield street.
GEORGE S. LANG	.	.	.	2 Harrison street.
CHARLES H. SHACKFORD	.	.	.	29 Bromfield st.

Ward Two.

JAMES F. CARENS	.	.	.	4 Milk street.
GEORGE E. THOMPSON	.	.	.	37 Lime street.
ALEXANDER G. PERKINS	.	.	.	15 Horton street.

Ward Three.

CHARLES E. COFFIN	.	.	.	99 State street.
ARTHUR P. BROWN	.	.	.	9 Orange street.
ALBERT E. FOWLER	.	.	.	5 Essex street.

Ward Four.

WILLIAM G. FISHER	.	.	.	144 High street.
WILLIAM MCKAY	.	.	.	65 Merrimac st.
JOHN H. GILMAN	.	.	.	33 Boardman st.

Ward Five.

ANDREW J. CASEY	.	.	.	8½ Buck street.
CHARLES W. JOHNSON	.	.	.	2 Johnson street.
ANDREW ROAF	.	.	.	4 Johnson street.

Ward Six.

JOHN C. STANLEY	.	.	.	248 High street.
SAMUEL G. WILLIAMS	.	.	.	27 Ashland
JOB WESTON	.	.	.	2 Jefferson court.

Clerk of the Council.

THOMAS E. CUTTER.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

FINANCE—Mayor, ex-officio; Alderman Healey, Councilmen Brown, Williams, Stanley, Coffin and Lunt.

ACCOUNTS—Aldermen Lewis and Ireland; Councilmen Thompson, Stanley and Brown.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—Mayor, ex-officio; Aldermen Noyes, Coffin and Ireland; Councilmen Shackford, Perkins, Fowler, Gilmer, Roaf and Stanley.

ALMSHOUSE AND POOR—Aldermen Ireland and Healey; Councilmen Casey, Perkins, Coffin and Shackford.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Noyes, Coffin and Crabtree; Councilmen Brown, McKay, Johnson and Weston.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS—Aldermen Noyes and Lewis; Councilmen Lunt, McKay and Williams.

SAWYER FUND—Alderman Ireland; Councilmen Casey and Gilman.

BROWN FUND—Alderman Crabtree; Councilmen Lunt and Roaf.

TODD FUND—Alderman Noyes; Councilmen Thompson and Stanley.

DEXTER AND ATWOOD FUND—Mayor, ex-officio; Treasurer, ex-officio; President Carens, ex-officio.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—Mayor, ex-officio; Aldermen Coffin and Lewis; President Carens, ex-officio; Councilmen Weston, McKay and Lang.

CLAIMS—Aldermen Crabtree and Lewis; Councilmen Weston, Lunt and Lang.

ORDINANCES—Mayor, ex-officio; Councilmen Lang and Shackford.

HIGHWAYS—Mayor, ex-officio; Board of Aldermen; Councilmen Lang, Thompson, Coffin, Fisher, Casey and Williams.

FUEL—Aldermen Coffin and Crabtree; Councilmen Lunt, Thompson and Roaf.

LIGHTING STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Aldermen Healey and Crabtree; Councilmen Casey, Fisher and Perkins.

PRINTING—Alderman Healey; Councilmen Casey and Fowler.

WATER SUPPLY—Aldermen Healey and Lewis; Councilmen Williams, Johnson and Brown.

SEWERAGE—Aldermen Crabtree and Coffin; Councilmen Johnson, Fowler and Gilman.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

SALARIES—Aldermen Coffin and Noyes; Councilmen Brown, Perkins and Stanley.

JANVRIN'S LANDING—Aldermen Healey and Noyes; Councilmen Shackford, Lunt and Perkins.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

POLICE—Mayor, ex-officio; Aldermen Noyes and Healey.

ELECTIONS—Aldermen Ireland, Lewis and Coffin.

BROMFIELD FUND—Aldermen Coffin, Ireland and Crabtree.

PUTNAM AND ATKINSON FUND—Aldermen Noyes, Crabtree and Lewis.

LICENSES—Aldermen Healey, Coffin and Noyes.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Ireland, Noyes and Crabtree.

FROTHINGHAM FUND—Aldermen Lewis, Crabtree and Coffin.

GREEN FUND—Aldermen Crabtree, Noyes and Ireland.

TOPPAN FUND—Aldermen Coffin, Lewis and Crabtree.

ABRAHAM WILLIAMS FUND—Aldermen Crabtree, Noyes and Coffin.

W. O. MOSELEY FUND—Aldermen Crabtree, Coffin and Noyes.

STATE AID, MILITARY AID AND SOLDIERS' RELIEF—Aldermen Coffin, Crabtree and Lewis.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ELECTIONS AND RETURNS—Councilmen Coffin, Stanley and McKay.

ENROLLED BILLS—Councilmen Brown and Weston.

BILLS OF SECOND READING—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ANDREW R. CURTIS, [Mayor,] Chairman, ex-officio.

ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK, Vice-Chairman 298 High street.

WILLIAM P. LUNT, Supt. and Sec., . Office at City Hall

ROBERT G. ALLEN, Truant Officer, . 25 Milk street.

TWO YEARS.

Ward One.

EDWARD OSGOOD, [term expires 1898] . 49 Purchase street.

WILLIAM T. HUMPHREYS [term expires 1899] 56 Purchase street.

Ward Two.

CHARLES W. POORE, [term expires 1898] . 65 Prospect street.

PRENTISS H. REED [term expires 1899] . 55 Lime street.

Ward Three.

GEORGE H. PLUMER, [term expires 1898] . 93 High street.

GEORGE E. L. NOYES, [term expires 1899] 101 State street.

Ward Four.

GEORGE W. WORCESTER, [term expires 1898] 124 High street.

SAMUEL C. BEANE, [term expires 1899] . 6 Harris street.

Ward Five.

HENRY B. LITTLE, [term expires 1898] . 215 High street.

OLIVER B. MERRILL, [term expires 1899] . Monroe street.

Ward Six.

PAUL A. MERRILL, term expires 1898] . 24 Tyng street.

ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK, term expires 1899 298 High street.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

CLARENCE C. DAY, M. D., (City Physician,) ex-officio.

TERM TWO YEARS.

JOHN E. BAILEY, Chairman, (term expires 1897) 6 Kent street.

ARTHUR WITHINGTON, (term expires 1898) 206 High street.

Agent of the Board.

GEORGE W. KNIGHT Parker street.

Clerk of the Board.

AMOS H. GEARY, (Office: City Hall) . . . 36 Prospect st.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

(Office: City Hall.)

TERM THREE YEARS.

AMOS H. GEARY, Chairman, (term expires '98) 36 Prospect st.

JOS. L. JOHNSON, Secretary, (term expires '99) 27 Wash'n st.

J. OTIS WINKLEY, (term expires 1897) . . . Parker street.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ANDREW R. CURTIS, (Mayor,) Chairman, ex-officio.

TERM THREE YEARS.

L. W. SARGENT, Vice-Ch. (term expires '97) 280 High street.

LAWRENCE W. BROWN, (term expires 1898) 20 Fruit street.

BENJAMIN F. HATHAWAY (term expires 1899) 50 Purchase st.

Clerk of Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM H. BAYLEY, (Office: City Hall) . . 63 Bromfield st.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

GEORGE H. STEVENS, (City Clerk,) ex-officio, 37 Kent street.

TERM THREE YEARS.

NATH'L GREELEY, Ch. (term expires '98) . 37 Marlboro st.

LUTHER CARTER, (term expires 1897) . 11 Kent street.

BENJAMIN G. DAVIS, (term expires 1899) . 1 Horton st.

Board of Water Commissioners.

(Office: Bartlet street.)

TERM FIVE YEARS.

Albert W. Greenleaf, (term expires 1901) . . . 9 Parsons street.

Nathaniel Appleton, (term expires 1900) . . . 126 High street.

John N. Pike, (term expires 1899) . . . 39 Green street.

Charles C. Dame, (term expires 1898) . . . 28 High street.

Charles H. Sargent, (term expires 1897) . . . 323 High street.

Philip H. Lunt, Treasurer.

William H. Lawrence, Superintendent.

Harold S. Noyes, Clerk.

Trustees of Simpson Fund.

Andrew R. Curtis, (Mayor,) ex-officio.

James F. Carens, (President of Common Council,) ex-officio.

Thomas C. Simpson, (term expires 1897.)

Charles C. Dame, (term expires 1898.)

Eliphalet Griffin, (term expires 1899.)

Treasurer and Clerk—James V. Felker, (City Treasurer.)

Board of Park Commissioners.

TERM THREE YEARS.

Andrew R. Curtis, (Mayor,) ex-officio.

James F. Carens, (President of the Common Council,) ex-officio.

Orrin J. Gurney, (term expires 1898.)

Eliphalet Griffin, (term expires 1899.)

Charles C. Stockman, (term expires 1897.)

Commissioners of Atkinson Common.

Andrew R. Curtis, (Mayor,) ex-officio.

James F. Carens, (President of Common Council,) ex-officio.

Alvah Hoyt, (term expires 1897.)

Eliphalet Griffin, (term expires 1899.)

Orlando F. Hatch, (term expires 1898.)

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Andrew R. Curtis, (Mayor) ex-officio.

James F. Carens, (President of the Common Council,) ex-officio.

William H. Welch, (City Auditor,) ex-officio.

Charles C. Dame, (term expires 1898.)

Philip H. Lunt, (term expires 1897.)

Treasurer and Clerk—James V. Felker, (City Treasurer.)

Liquor License Commissioners.

Moses Brown, chairman and secretary (term expires 1900.)

George Perry Sargent, (term expires 1898.)

Jacob True Rowe, (term expires 1902.)

Trustees Wheelwright Scientific Fund.

Andrew R. Curtis, (Mayor) ex-officio.

Robert Codman, President.

James E. Whitney, Treasurer.

John W. Winder, Secretary.

John W. Dodge.

Lawrence B. Cushing.

City Clerk.

George H. Stevens 37 Kent street.
 Office: City Hall.

Assistant City Clerk.

Henry W. Little 45 Purchase street.
 Office: City Hall.

City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

James V. Felker 12 Harris street.
 Office: City Hall.

Clerk of City Treasurer—Joseph M. Greenough, Jr.

City Auditor.

William H. Welch 24 Washington street.
 Office: First National Bank.

City Solicitor.

Robert E. Burke 49 High street.
 Office: 76 State street.

City Messenger.

Frank H. Rundlett 78 Federal street.
 Office: City Hall.

Superintendent of Schools.

William P. Lunt 19 Pond street.
Office: City Hall.

Superintendent of Highways.

Charles M. Pritchard 17 Atwood street.
Office: Basement of Armory Building.

Superintendent of Sewers.

Francis Curtis 3 Park street.

City Physician.

Clarence C. Day 10 Washington street.

Superintendent of Old and New Hill Burying Grounds.

Alfred Gurney 262 Merrimac street.

Chief Engineer Fire Department.

Hiram H. Landford 20 Purchase street.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Hiram H. Landford 20 Purchase street.

Librarian Public Library.

John D. Parsons 236 High street.
Office: Public Library.

Superintendent Public Reading Room.

Martha P. Lunt 19 Pond street.

NEWBURYPORT POLICE FORCE.

City Marshal.

John F. Gardiner (Office: Central Police Station.) 44 Federal street.

Captain of the Watch.

Patrick Creedon.

Day Officers.

Simon E. Wilson,

Frank L. Lattime,

Lemuel Hicken.

Night Patrolmen.

Seth Young,

Henry C. Tate,

John L. McLean,

William E. Young,

George W. Lattime,

James W. Merritt,

Joseph H. Post,

William H. Pike,

Charles W. Wells,

William Gillis.

Constables.

Patrick Creedon,

Frank H. Rundlett,

Simon E. Wilson,

Moses P. Towne,

Joseph M. Tappan,

Samuel W. Tuck,

John J. Bryan,

Robert G. Allen.

Deputy Collector of Taxes.

Joseph M. Tappan,

Samuel W. Tuck,

Robert G. Allen.

Inspector of Buildings.

Hiram H. Landford.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

George W. Knight.

Harbor Master.

George W. McKay.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Amos H. Geary:

Office: City Hall.

Measurers of Grain.

Moses H. Rolfe,	Charles B. Knight,	Frank W. Landford,
	Dennis Healey.	

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar.

George W. Knight.	Office: City Hall.
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Gaugers.

Amos H. Geary,	William S. Coffin,	Hiram P. Macintosh.
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Surveyors of Lumber.

George E. Currier,	William B. Coffin,	William H. Morse,
John C. Kimball,	Charles L. Perkins,	Gideon C. Webster,
Orlando F. Hatch,	Thomas F. Corey,	Edward Perkins,
Leonard W. Sargent,	Chas. W. H. Jackman,	Alex. G. Perkins,
Edgar Ross,	Ezra Lunt,	Joseph Langevin,
	Fred B. Morse.	

Weighers of Coal, Hay and Other Merchandise.

Charles W. Nelson,	Edward Donahue, Jr.,	William S. Coffin,
Harry W. Bayley,	Lawrence Whalen,	John J. Collins,
Fred L. Atkinson,	Jere Healey,	James Conley,
Fred L. Macintosh,	Edward E. Varina,	Fred B. Fanning,
James Joy,	William Conley,	John L. Noyes,
Walter E. Atkinson,	Amos H. Geary,	Stephen P. Bray,
Alonzo C. Pearson,	Jackson Greenaway,	John Collins,
Joseph L. Jacoby,	Rudolph Jacoby,	John H. Balch, Jr.,
Leonard W. Coker,	Frank A. Bray,	Edward Donahue,
	Annie Healey.	

Field Drivers.

Jeremiah S. Parker,	Nathan A. Massey.
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Pound Keepers.

Pound No. 1—Auburn street	.	.	.	Timothy Maroney.
Pound No. 2—Wesley street	.	.	.	John R. Silloway.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

John H. Balch, Jr ,	Fred L. Atkinson,	John Collins,
John L. Noyes,	Fred B. Fanning,	John J. Collins,
Jere Healey,	William S. Coffin,	Joseph Woods,
Stephen P. Bray,	Frank A. Bray,	Charles A. Pearson,
Charles W. Nelson,	C. W. H. Jackman,	Jackson Greenaway.

Measurers of Charcoal.

Fred L. Atkinson,	John H. Balch, Jr.,	John L. Noyes,
Stephen P. Bray,	Jere Healey,	William S. Coffin.

Weighers and Measurers of City Fuel.

Amos H. Geary,	Charles W. Nelson,	William S. Coffin,
Leonard W. Coker,		Edward Donahue.

Inspector of Coal Baskets.

Amos H. Geary, Office: City Hall.

Fence Viewers.

Fred B. Morss,	Anthony W. Reddy,	Eben Little.
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Measurer of Upper Leather.

Luther Carter.

MEETINGS.

CITY COUNCIL.

FIRST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LAST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LAST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Commencing with last Monday of each month.

Monday evening—School committee; Lighting Streets, etc.; Bridges and Culverts; Overseers of the Poor.

Tuesday evening—Public Property.

Wednesday evening—Highway; Police.

Thursday evening—Fire Department; Sewerage; Printing.

Friday evening—Accounts.

First Friday evening after first Monday each month—State Aid, Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief.

MAYOR'S
INAUGURAL ADDRESS.
1897.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
OF
HON. ANDREW R. CURTIS.

DELIVERED JANUARY 4, 1897.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

It is with deep feelings of gratitude to my fellow citizens that I again assume the responsibilities of this office. Encouraged by the confidence thus reposed in me I enter upon my duties with a renewed determination to sacredly guard the interests intrusted to my keeping, and to labor with what ability I possess to promote the welfare of this, my native city.

In this, my resolve, I am confident that I am joined by you, and that together we shall not only make this, our administration, one that will be highly acceptable to our citizens, but one that in after years we may look back upon with feelings of pride and consciousness of duty well performed.

Before engaging in our duties, which will require us to act upon measures where the interests of our city are deeply involved, let us insist upon their careful consideration, not only in the committee rooms, but in the council chamber, where all the members may have a right to pass upon them, and where the people can determine whether or not we, their servants, have been faithful to the trust reposed in us.

Under existing conditions the responsibilities for extravagance in expenditures cannot be fixed, because the power which has heretofore been exercised solely by the city council is now delegated to the committees.

The mayor, presumably for the reason that he is the central figure, is often held responsible for expenditures of which he knows no more than if he were a resident of one of our neighboring towns. Nor is it possible for him to know, so long as committees are permitted to expend the public funds. To be sure the mayor has been invested with the veto power and can disapprove any measure passed by the city council but if the entire appropriation is expended by the committees, and contracts made which oblige the city to perform certain acts, how is this power to be exercised, and how can he interpose to check extravagance or any infringements upon the rights of the city? In fact, the mayor's power consists

wholly, and is determined by the amount of personal influence he can exert upon the members of the city council.

Last year an order was passed by the city council instructing the mayor to petition the legislature for an amendment to the city charter,* providing for the election of seven aldermen, one of whom was to preside at all meetings of the city council. If this had become a law the mayor would have been deprived of even that power, and he would have become a nonentity in city affairs. Had the amendment contained a proviso which would have enabled the mayor to pass upon all business transacted either by the city council or committees I believe it would have met with public approval. I would therefore recommend that the amendment petitioned for, be further amended by adding the words "all business transacted by either branch of the city council or its committees shall be submitted to the mayor for his approval."

FINANCE.

As a financial statement has been published in our local papers I will not detain or weary you by going into details. The expenditures of last year were \$451.05 less than the appropriations and income, which sum has been added to the sinking fund.

The public debt shows an increase of \$6,731.12. This increase is due principally to the expense of \$28,195.43, which has been incurred by the water hearings; had it not been for this expense there would have been a decrease of the debt \$21,464.31, instead of an increase of \$6,731.12.

The city holds 411 shares of Boston & Maine railroad stock. At the close of the financial year ending December 19, 1896, the market value of this stock per share was \$165 which if sold at said price would have reduced the public debt \$67,815. Although these shares were taken by the way of trade at \$180, yet the cash balances and dividends received have reduced the net cost of these shares to the city, to about \$175, or \$71,925. During the past year this stock has fluctuated but at no time has it reached that figure, when by selling it we could recover that amount.

Now a few words about the public debt. It is safe to predict that no one, however young he may be, will ever live to see that time when our city will be free from debt. As fast as it is decreased, the requirements of passing years will increase it. Old buildings must be replaced by new ones, bridges rebuilt, and many other expenses incurred to supply the wants and desires of our citizens. As it has been, so it will continue until time is no more. But even

though our debt today were liquidated, yet the tax rate could not be materially diminished unless we retrenched in our expenses. I trust that you will do this, and this year take the first step to lessen the burdens of our citizens by reducing taxes.

WATER QUESTION.

One of the most important matters pertaining to the welfare of our city is the legal contest between the city and the Newburyport Water Company. Although the settlement of this case has been delayed beyond what many deemed to be a reasonable time yet I can assure you that the delay was not occasioned directly or indirectly by the city's counsel. At all stages of the proceedings they have been ready and eager to push the matter to a conclusion.

The present standing of the case is as follows:

The commissioners have made a report of their award, which is \$275,000, about one-quarter of the amount which expert witnesses for the water company testified the works to be worth. This award will not be final until accepted by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth, and will not be accepted until the court passes upon some questions of law, which the commissioners are to report to it at once.

The fees and expenses of the commissioners amounting to \$8450, have been paid by the city. As it was an open question to be decided by the court, whether or not this money should be paid in part by the company or wholly by the city, this payment was made under protest and our rights have been carefully protected.

HIGHWAYS.

The committee on highways, consisting of the mayor and aldermen and one councilman from each ward, elects the superintendent, purchases all supplies and all material required in the highway department, makes contracts, and designates all streets to be improved. In other words, it has absolute control of highway affairs.

Although the Common Council is represented upon this committee by six of its members, yet if the mayor and aldermen, who are a majority of the same, were to agree to make any improvement, which would require the expenditure of the entire highway appropriation, they could do so, even if every member of the Common Council were opposed to it. Surely this preponderance of power, which can and which does exclude the Common Council from acting upon measures in which the welfare of

our city is so deeply involved, does not and cannot insure for such measures a proper and careful consideration. Nor have they been so acted upon, for this committee which has arrogated to itself this authority and which has expended over \$213,000 upon highways and sidewalks during the past seven years, has never even pretended to exercise any such care.

From the first there has been a constant struggle among the members of the committee to obtain all for that part of the city in which they were directly interested, and as a result of this struggle thousands of dollars have been expended for work that the public convenience did not require. Not only is this true but for what has been expended not even a fair equivalent has been received. Neither can this paucity of results be attributed to the inefficiency of the superintendent, for even he was compelled to surrender his individuality and become the obedient servant of several masters. He was expected and did not only hire and retain in the highway service, men, many of whom were disqualified by their age or by their predispositions to evade "in so far as possible" the primeval curse imposed upon mankind, but he was to do the work when and where each would have him do it. In the nonsensical scramble which has ensued is it surprising that feeble energy was diversely applied and very meagre results attained?

And now gentlemen I would recommend that the business which has heretofore been transacted by the committee on highways, be transferred to, and acted upon by the council where each may have equal rights and equal responsibilities, and where rules have been provided which will insure for this business a proper and careful consideration. Mark the contrast. An order originating in the council, which calls for the expenditure of even \$1 requires two readings before it can be finally acted upon. But in the committee on highways thousands can be expended without even a vote. Surely this is a case of penny wise and pound foolish. I would also recommend that the superintendent be elected by the city council for a longer term, or during good behavior, and that he be invested with the power to hire men and made responsible for the appropriation provided for highways. If these changes are made I am confident that good results will surely follow.

Then again in the construction of our roads, I believe that too much money has been expended. If upon several of the streets which have been macadamized, a No. 2 grade of crushed stone overspread with a thin layer of screen gravel had been used the same as was put upon Merrimac street and Summit place, not only a great saving could have been effected but the results would have been as satisfactory.

Although upon Summit place there has not been a great amount of travel, yet no one who has seen its present condition, will doubt that the roadway is capable of sustaining travel should it ever be needed for that purpose. Merrimac street was completed nearly four years ago and notwithstanding it has been severely tested by a large amount of heavy travel, its condition today will compare very favorably with any road which was constructed at that time of the more costly material.

SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

During the past year \$3,647.29 have been expended for sidewalk improvement; of this amount \$1,058.46 have been assessed upon abutters for betterments. Although this expenditure is small in comparison with that of previous years, yet in my judgment it is far more than it should have been.

I said last year in dealing with the affairs of this department that these improvements were extremely burdensome to our citizens. I am still of the same opinion, and would urgently recommend that less of this work be engaged in during the ensuing year.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public schools of this city are in 41 school rooms with 1573 pupils, in charge of a superintendent and 43 instructors. That good work has been done in this important branch of public service is manifested from the result obtained. There is no doubt that our schools for training the young will compare favorably with similar institutions in other cities. There can be no public interest more worthy of our care than that by which our children are trained to become intelligent citizens of a free country. I call especial attention to this interest and trust that you will further the wishes of the school board in their efforts to subvert the interest of those who in a few years must take our places as citizens. For a more particular account I would refer you to the report of the school committee soon to be published.

The accommodations furnished for primary school children, in some parts of the city have been insufficient and in many cases unwholesome. This was especially true of the schoolhouses on Ashland street. The two-story building being of an old pattern was entirely unfit for a proper classification of the children, and so small that a portion of the school was obliged to use the ward room on the same street.

The size of the old schoolhouse was such that the two rooms in it could not be made into four, as in the Forrester street building, and so the school committee requested the city government to enlarge it in such way as to furnish two additional rooms. The building is now completed and consists of four large well lighted and well ventilated rooms, heated with steam, furnished with neat sanitary conveniences in the basement and surrounded with ample play grounds. The use of the new school house will allow the ward rooms in wards 5 and 6 to be closed as school rooms and will permit a better classification of eight schools numbering more than three hundred pupils.

Many improvements in the other school houses have been made where health and convenience required, and our school buildings may on the whole be considered to be in as good condition as they can be without material alteration in their shape and size.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

The affairs of no department in this or any other city, have been better managed than this one. The system adopted by the board, several years ago, of purchasing its supplies of the best quality, at the lowest market rates, has saved many thousands of dollars for our city.

Permit me at this time to say that, after twelve years of faithful and efficient service, Mr. John C. Stevens retires from the board of overseers with the respect and esteem of his colleagues, and the love of all whose circumstances were such as to require the help of the department which he so ably and kindly represented. All of our citizens will, I think join with me in wishing him a long, peaceful and happy rest in his retirements from the cares of official life.

While in other cities the expense of providing for the poor has greatly increased, ours has decreased, as will be seen by the following report. Total cost of the poor department for the year ending November 30, 1896, has been \$22,723.49; of this amount \$5,987.35 was paid for the support of insane, an expense over which the board has no control; \$2,280.91 was paid for wood and coal. For improvement on almshouse, including altering steam pipes, 32 radiators, repointing the brick work on the outside of the almshouse, painting, and for curtains, \$931.60; \$350 was paid for city physician for services, and \$350 for medicine.

The income received during the past year from various sources was \$3,797.18, showing the actual amount expended by the overseers to have been \$18,926.31, from which should be taken the improve-

ments on the almshouse property—\$931.60, leaving the actual cost of caring for our poor \$17,994.71, which is \$397.51 less than last year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On account of the excellent showing made by the committee and the chief engineer in the management of the affairs of this department I desire especially to call your attention to the following statement.

The appropriation, including credits, was \$9,903.60 and the expenditures were \$9,302.14, leaving an undrawn balance of \$601.46. \$1,825 of this amount was expended for permanent men and for horses; \$185 for placing a new fire alarm box on Toppan street and for relocating and repairing the wire, which now places the system in perfect condition. The department has responded to 17 bell and 40 still alarms.

The promptness and efficiency of the firemen for which they have ever been distinguished have undoubtedly been the means of preventing many of these still alarms from becoming more serious.

POLICE.

During the past year no valid complaints have been made against the police. Gentlemanly in their deportment, prompt and alert in the discharge of their duties, they have won the respect of all. The routes patrolled have been extended, and now include the greater portion of our city. This has added largely to the feeling of security which now exists among owners of property.

ATKINSON COMMON.

Under the skilful directions of Mr. Nelson, superintendent of the almshouse, this common is being greatly improved. Although it will require many more years to complete it, yet already enough has been accomplished to make it very attractive. The money to defray the expenses of this work was furnished principally by the Belleville Improvement Society, which was organized some three years ago for that purpose. As this common is situated upon the highest land in our city, adjacent to its most beautiful thoroughfare, it will within a few years become the centre of attraction for those who admire variety of scenery. One year ago I recommended that a small sum be annually appropriated for

the purpose of assisting the B. I. S. in their commendable efforts to improve this common, and thus make attractive our city. I would urge the same this year.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to say that, I have not recommended anything which will require the expenditure of a large amount of money, for under existing conditions I fully realize, as I trust you do, that the people can ill afford to be burdened with unusual expenses. I have, however, endeavored to impress upon your minds the importance of making some changes that will, in my opinion, insure for our city a more economical administration of its affairs. In the employment of this term economical, I do not wish to be understood as advocating that pseudo economy which results in retrogression and decay, and which would cause our city to be made the centre of attraction for the traveller in search of the antique, for I am not. What I do mean, however, is that a fair equivalent should be exacted for the expenditure of an appropriation, which will be sufficient to insure for our city a standing among the progressive cities of our commonwealth, without unnecessarily increasing the burdens of our citizens.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY AUDITOR
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY
OF NEWBURYPORT
FOR THE
Year Ending December 18, 1897.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, December, 1897.

To the City Council of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following statements and reports of the City Treasurer and Collector and the City Auditor for the financial year ending December 18, 1897.

The books and accounts of the City Treasurer and Collector have been examined, under the direction of the committee, by the City Auditor and found by him to be correct and properly vouched.

For the Committee,

ANDREW R. CURTIS, Chairman.

REPORT.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, }
AUDITOR'S OFFICE Dec. 18, 1897. }

To the Committee on Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the requirements of the city ordinances, I herewith submit the forty-seventh annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the city of Newburyport, for the financial year ending Dec. 18, 1897. together with a statement of the city debt and debts due the city, and a schedule of the real and personal property belonging to the city. I have audited the books of the city treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched. I examined all securities in possession of the treasurer belonging to the city, including the sinking fund investments, and found the same properly accounted for. They are deposited for safe keeping in the vaults of the Merchants National Bank.

I verified the accounts of the collector of taxes, including the amount committed to him by the assessors, the abatements made by them during the year, and the amount collected.

I examined the cash account as kept by the city clerk, of all moneys received by him as fees or otherwise, (except dog licenses,) during the year ending Dec. 18, 1897, and found the same correct. The total amount collected by him has been paid to the city treasurer, and a receipt taken therefor.

I examined the books of the clerk of the overseers of the poor, and found that the bills as approved by the overseers of the poor correspond with the payments made by the city treasurer.

I examined all bills passed by the committee on accounts, as presented weekly and monthly, and found the same correctly cast, properly approved and accurately placed upon the books.

The books of the treasurer show an increase of the city debt during the year 1897, of \$14,157.66. The overdraft for the year is \$5,565.89.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. WELCH,

City Auditor.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts for the year ending Dec. 18, 1897, are shown in aggregates, as credited to the following accounts:

Poor department.....	\$4,139 94
School department.....	1,010 50
Fire department.....	99 32
Highway department.....	548 10
Police department.....	580 63
Incidentals.....	225 60
Public property.....	316 30
Lighting streets and public property.....	21 00
Interest on overdue taxes.....	2,340 10
" dividends B. & M. R. R. Co.....	2,466 00
" bank account.....	835 24
Public library.....	152 52
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	106 23
Notes payable.....	218,524 36
State of Massachusetts, State aid, chap. 301.....	7,167 50
" " Military aid, chap. 279...	372 96
" " Burial expense, chap. 62.	70 00
" " Armory rents....	400 00
Bromfield fund.....	400 00
Liquor licenses.....	23,872 00
Ashes and rubbish.....	3 30
Non-resident bank tax, city banks.....	3,523 92
" " State of Mass.....	2,671 61
Income, corporation taxes, State of Mass., 1896..	2,381 33
" " " " 1897..	12,218 37
" Foreign shipping, State of Mass.....	928 32
Parks or public grounds.....	26 00
Soldiers' relief.....	353 76
County of Essex, seal account.....	219 00
Dog licenses.....	788 96
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$286,762 87</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$286,762 87
City Hall.....	1,007 00
Burial lots.....	169 00
Sinking fund commissioners.....	38,000 00
Board of health.....	11 00
Betterment assessments.....	2,034 25
Watering streets for 1897.....	2,968 89
Tax of 1893.....	34 00
“ 1894.....	448 35
“ 1895.....	11,206 60
“ 1896.....	31,381 26
“ 1897.....	108,072 36
Sewerage construction.....	38 98
Newburyport bridge repairs.....	96 88
Commissioners of Atkinson Common.....	15 00
Making a total of.....	<u>\$482,246 44</u>

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures for the year ending Dec. 18, 1897, as approved, are shown in aggregates, as charged to the following accounts :

Poor department.....	\$22,508 92
School department.....	30,520 19
Fire department.....	9,596 88
Highway department.....	19,112 37
Police department.....	12,834 91
Incidentals.....	4,158 47
Public property.....	9,760 22
Lighting streets and public buildings.....	12,745 69
Interest.....	23,424 65
Public library.....	3,611 16
Public library (special).....	835 70
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	3,415 82
Newburyport bridge.....	1,143 61
Newburyport bridge (repairs).....	176 15
Essex Merrimac bridge.....	1,615 46
Curson Mill bridge.....	1 50
Culverts....	690 82
Notes payable.....	191,629 36
State of Massachusetts, State aid, chap. 301.....	7,542 00
“ “ Military aid, chap. 279....	792 46
“ “ Burial expenses, chap. 62.	157 75
Liquor licenses, 25% to the state and sundries....	6,084 77
Fuel.....	833 17
Salaries.....	9,820 09
Board of health.....	1,144 54
Printing.....	1,038 85
Sinking fund commissioners.....	12,000 00
Ashes and rubbish.....	1,123 20
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$388,318 71</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$388,318 71
Water supply.....	635 50
State tax..	7,857 50
County tax.....	10,495 73
Non-resident bank tax.....	5,077 31
Memorial Day.....	150 00
Sewerage (construction).....	484 94
Sewerage (maintenance).....	622 77
Parks or public grounds.....	483 47
Soldiers' relief.....	2,453 66
County of Essex (seal account).....	225 00
Commissioners of Atkinson Common.....	419 05
Water account.....	21,120 56
Curtis school house.....	5,051 60
City Bonds, 4% (general loan).....	38,000 00
Watering streets for 1897.....	4,755 41
Janvrin's landing.....	1,059 00
Bromfield fund.....	393 89
Making a total of.....	<u>\$487,604 10</u>

The whole amount of expenditures
during the year ending Dec. 18,
1897, was..... \$487,604 10

The whole amount of receipts dur-
ing the year ending Dec. 18, 1897,
was..... 482,246 44

Excess of expenditures over receipts. \$5,357 66

The balance in the treasury at close
of business Dec. 19, 1896, was.... 26,602 88

The total amount received into the
treasury from all sources from
Dec. 20, 1896 to Dec. 18, 1897, in-
clusive, was..... 482,246 44

Making a total of..... \$508,849 32

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$508,849 32
The total amount expended and ordered to be paid from the treasury from Dec. 20, 1896 to Dec. 18, 1897, inclusive, was.....	487,604 10
The balance in the treasury at close of business Dec. 18, 1897, was....	21,245 22
Making a total of.....	<u>\$508,849 32</u>

CITY DEBT. DEC. 18, 1897.

Showing the increase and decrease during the year 1897 in detail:

The amount of the net city debt, Dec.

19, 1896, was..... \$385,686 36

The city debt has been increased during the year 1897 as follows:

By the amount of note No. 556, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 11, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....

4,000 00

By the amount of note, No. 557, issued to the order of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated Jan. 14, 1897, payable in nine months, with interest at the rate of 3 35-100% per annum, temporary loan.....

50,000 00

By the amount of note No. 558, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 15, 1897, payable in one year, with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....

9,000 00

By the amount of note No. 559, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 15, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....

9,000 00

Amount carried forward...\$457,686 36

Amount brought forward...\$457,686 36

By the amount of note No. 560, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 15, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	7,500 00
By the amount of note No. 561, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 22, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	1,000 00
By the amount of note No. 562, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Jan. 23, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	7,000 00
By the amount of note No. 563, issued to the order of A. W. Greenleaf, trustee under the will of R. W. Drown, dated Feb. 16, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	1,467 73
By the amount of note No. 564, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Feb. 17, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of 3¾% per annum, temporary loan.....	1,000 00

Amount carried forward...\$475,654 09

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$475,654 09
By the amount of note No. 565, issued to the order of the Institution for Savings in Newburyport and its vicinity, dated July 19, 1897, payable in one year with interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, railroad loan.....	71,661 63
By the amount of note No. 566, issued to the order of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated Aug. 3, 1897, payable in three months with interest at the rate of $2\ 9-10\%$ per annum, temporary loan.....	20,000 00
By the amount of note No. 567, issued to the order of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated Oct. 29, 1897, payable in three months with interest at the rate of 3% per annum, temporary loan....	20,000 00
By the amount of note No. 568, issued to the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, dated Nov. 9, 1897, payable in three months with interest at the rate of $2\ 89-100\%$ per annum, temporary loan.....	16,000 00
By the amount of note No. 569, issued to the order of the Sinking Fund commissioners, dated Dec.	

Amount carried forward \$603,315 72

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$603,315 72	
6, 1897, payable on demand with interest at the rate of 3% per annum, temporary loan....		895 00
Sinking funds and other available as- sets, Dec. 18, 1897, less than amount, Dec. 19, 1896, viz:		
1896 (see schedule)	\$173,422 44	
1897 (see schedule)	148,161 84	
		25,260 60
Sundry debts due from the city Dec. 18, 1897, in excess of amount due Dec. 19, 1896, viz:		
1897 Bromfield fund....	\$28 02	
Commissioners of Atkinson Common..	3 48	
Total.....	\$31 50	
1896 Bromfield fund..	\$21 91	
Commissioners of Atkinson Common..	7 53	
Total.....	\$29 44	2 06
Making a total of.....		\$629,473 38

There have been paid on account of
the city debt during the year
1897, notes and bonds as follows:
To the order of J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, note No. 521, dated
Jan. 25, 1895, which matured

<i>Amount carried forward...</i>		\$629,473 38
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<i>Amount brought forward...</i>		\$629,473 38
Jan. 25, 1896, and presented for payment Feb. 17, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum, temporary loan.....		\$ 1,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 527, dated April 1, 1895, which matured April 1, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, Armory loan.....		2,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 532, dated Jan. 11, 1896, which matured Jan. 11, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum, temporary loan.....		4,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 533, dated Jan. 15, 1896, which matured Jan. 15, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum, temporary loan.....		9,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 535, dated Jan. 15, 1896, which matured Jan. 15, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....		9,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 537, dated Jan. 22, 1896, which matured Jan. 22, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....		5,000 00
<i>Amounts carried forward....</i>		\$30,000 00
		\$629,473 38

Amounts brought forward..\$30,000 00 \$629,473 38

To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 538, dated Jan. 22, 1896, which matured Jan. 22, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	1,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 540, dated Jan. 24, 1896, which matured Jan. 24, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 3¾% per annum, temporary loan.....	4,000 00
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 541, dated Jan. 24, 1896, which matured Jan. 24, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....	2,000 00
To the order of A. W. Greenleaf, trustee under the will of R. W. Drown, note No. 543, dated Feb. 16, 1896, which matured Feb. 16, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 3¾% per annum, temporary loan.....	1,467 73
To the order of the Institution for Savings in Newburyport and its vicinity, note No. 548, dated July 18, 1896, which matured July 18, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, railroad loan.....	71,661 63

Amounts carried forward..\$110,129 36 \$629,473 38

<i>Amounts brought forward..</i>		\$110,129 36	\$629,473 38
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 555, dated Dec. 2, 1896, which matured Feb. 2, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, temporary loan.....		10,000 00	
To the order of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note No. 557, dated Jan. 14, 1897, which matured Oct. 14, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 3 35-100% per annum, temporary loan.....		50,000 00	
To the order of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note No. 566, dated Aug. 3, 1897, which matured Nov. 3, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 2 9-10% per annum, temporary loan.....		20,000 00	
To the order of J. V. Felker, city treasurer, note No. 549, dated April 15, 1896, which matured April 15, 1897, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, school house loan.....		1,500 00	
City of Newburyport, 4% bonds, due Aug. 1, 1897. Thirty-eight of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 1 to 38 inclusive, general loan..		38,000 00	
Making a total of.....			\$229,629 36
Net debt, Dec. 18, 1897.....			399,844 02
Net debt, Dec. 19, 1896.....			385,686 36
Increase of the net debt during the year 1897.....			<u>\$14,157 66</u>

CITY DEBT AND ASSETS.

DECEMBER 18, 1897.

City bonds (general loan) 4%, due 1908.....	\$ 65,000 00
City bonds (general loan) 4%, due 1911.....	90,000 00
City bonds (general loan) 4%, due 1913.....	25,000 00
City bonds (sewerage loan) 4%, due, 1919.....	107,500 00
Notes payable (ten year loan) 4%, due 1899.....	15,000 00
Notes payable (railroad loan) 4% (secured by 411 shares common stock Boston & Maine Railroad Company,) due 1898.....	71,661 63
Notes payable (committee on Sawyer fund) 4½%, due on demand, trust fund.....	5,000 00
Notes payable (committee on Brown fund) 4½%, due on demand, trust fund.....	15,000 00
Notes payable (committee on Frothingham fund) 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	1,000 00
Notes payable (committee on Green fund) 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	2,000 00
Notes payable (committee on Toppan fund) 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	250 00
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>	<u>\$397,411 63</u>

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$397,411 63
Notes payable (committee on A. Williams fund) 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	1,000 00
Notes payable (committee on Todd fund) 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	10,000 00
Notes payable (committee on William O. Moseley) fund 4%, due on demand, trust fund.....	10,000 00
Notes payable (trustees of Margaret Atwood fund) 4½%, due on demand, trust fund.....	10,500 00
Notes payable (trustees of Simpson fund) 4½%, due on demand, trust fund.....	20,000 00
Notes payable (trustees of Follansbee fund) 4%, payable on demand, trust fund.....	3,000 00
Notes payable (overseers of the poor) 4½%, due on demand, Dexter fund.....	2,000 00
Notes payable (Armory loan) 3½%, due 1898.....	2,000 00
Notes payable (Armory loan) 3½%, due 1899.....	2,000 00
Notes payable (Armory loan) 3½%, due 1900.....	2,000 00
Notes payable (Armory loan) 3½%, due 1901.....	3,000 00
Notes payable (Armory loan) 4%, due 1902.....	1,200 00
Notes payable (school house loan) 4%, due 1898.....	1,500 00

Amount carried forward...\$465,611 63

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$465,611 63	
Notes payable (school house loan)		
4%, due 1899.....	1,500 00	
Notes payable (school house loan)		
4%, due 1900.....	1,500 00	
Notes payable (school house loan)		
4%, due 1901.....	1,500 00	
Notes payable (temporary loans) 3,		
3¾ and 4%, due 1898.....	77,862 73	
Due commissioners of Atkinson Com-		
mon.....	3 48	
Due Bromfield fund.....	28 02	
Gross city debt Dec. 18, 1897.....		\$548,005 86

ASSETS.

Taxes 1895, uncollected.....	\$ 2,193 13	
" 1896 "	16,295 21	
" 1897 "	48,208 95	
Watering streets, 1897.....	823 70	
Betterment assessments uncollected..	3,897 61	
Due from State of Massachusetts,		
State aid, chap. 301, acts of		
1894.....	6,934 00	
Due from State of Massachusetts,		
Military aid, chap. 279, acts of		
1894.....	372 23	
Due from State of Massachusetts,		
Burial expense, chap, 62, acts		
of 1894.....	157 75	
<i>Amounts carried forward..</i>	\$78,882 58	\$548,005 86

<i>Amounts brought forward..</i>		\$78,882 58	\$548,005 86
Due from State of Massachusetts,			
corporation tax of 1897.....	2,554 21		
Sinking funds.....	45,473 83		
County of Essex (seals).....	6 00		
Cash on hand Dec. 18, 1897, viz			
Deposited in First National Bank,			
Newburyport.....	15,031 11		
Deposited in First National Bank,			
Boston.....	5,750 88		
Deposited in safe in treasurer's office	463 23		
Making a total of.....			\$148,161 84
Total net debt Dec. 18, 1897			<u>\$399,844 02</u>

The city owns 411 shares of Boston & Maine Railroad Company common stock, which has a market value Dec. 18, 1897, of \$69,048. This has not been figured as an asset in making up the net debt of the city.

SINKING FUNDS.

DEC. 18, 1897.

Total funds Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$68,947 48
Appropriation for the year 1897.....	12,000 00
Income from investments during the year 1897.....	<u>2,526 35</u>
Making a total of.....	\$83,473 83
Less amount paid to the city treasurer, to meet the payment of thirty-eight bonds of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 1 to 38 inclusive, falling due Aug. 1, 1897, (general loan).....	<u>38,000 00</u>
Total amount of sinking funds Dec. 18, 1897.....	<u><u>\$45,473 83</u></u>

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS.

City of Newburyport 4% coupon sewer bonds. Principal payable Sept. 1, 1819. Interest payable semi-annually, March 1 and Sept. 1 of each year. Fifteen of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65.....	\$15,000 00
City of Malden, 4% coupon sewerage loan bonds. Principal payable May 2, 1924. Interest payable semi-annually May 2 and Nov. 2 of each year. Fifteen of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265.....	15,000 00
City of Haverhill 4% coupon, water loan bonds. Principal payable June 1, 1922. Interest payable semi-annually June 1 and Dec. 1 of each year. Six of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 18, 19, 20, 80, 81, 82.....	6,000 00
City of Haverhill 4% coupon bonds. Principal payable Oct. 1, 1900. Interest payable semi-annually April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. Two of the denomination of \$1000 each, Nos. 61 and 62.....	2,000 00
City of Bangor 7% coupon bond loan to and the construction of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company. Principal payable April 1, 1899. Interest payable semi-annually April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year, No. 167.....	1,000 00
City of Newburyport 4% sewer bond. Registered in the name of the sinking fund commissioners, Newburyport. Principal payable Nov. 1, 1919. Interest payable semi-annually May 1 and Nov. 1 of each year, No. 2.....	5,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$44,000 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$44,000 00
Deposited in the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank at 4% interest. Book No. 10,244....	578 83
City of Newburyport, note dated Dec. 6, 1897, payable on demand, with interest at the rate of 3% per annum.....	895 00
Making a total of.....	\$45,473 83

MEMORANDUM OF OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS.

Charged to Incidentals Dec. 18, 1897.

Highway department.....	\$1,064 27
Ashes and rubbish.....	19 90
Lighting streets and public buildings.....	224 69
Incidentals	3,245 14
Parks.....	7 47
School department.....	809 69
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	53 07
Bridges and culverts.....	630 66
Public property.....	867 92
Salaries.....	120 09
Public library.....	419 68
Board of health.....	133 54
Abatements tax of 1894.....	335 31
“ “ 1896.....	44 25
Interest.....	783 31
Making a total of.....	\$8,753 99

MEMORANDUM OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.

Transferred to Incidentals Dec. 18, 1897.

Poor department.....	\$ 131 02
Abatements tax of 1895.....	64 79
" " 1897.....	1,528 08
Printing.....	11 15
Sewer maintenance.....	77 23
Fire department.....	2 44
Water supply.....	664 50
Public library (special).....	164 30
Military aid.....	3 77
Soldiers' relief.....	300 10
Police department.....	245 72
Making a total of.....	<u>\$3,193 10</u>

The difference \$5,565.89 is the overdraft for the year 1897.

LEDGER BALANCES, Dec. 18, 1897.

DR.

Cash.....	\$ 463 23
First National Bank, Newburyport.....	15,031 11
First National Bank, Boston.....	5,750 88
State of Massachusetts, State aid.....	6,934 00
" " Military aid.....	372 23
" " Burial....	157 75
" " Corporation tax 1897.....	2,554 21
Sinking fund commissioners.....	45,473 83
City of Newburyport.....	296,541 85
Boston & Maine Railroad Company.....	71,861 63
Betterment assessments.....	3,897 61
Watering streets 1897.....	823 70
Tax of 1895.....	2,193 13
" 1896.....	16,295 21
" 1897.....	48,208 95
Armory.....	10,200 00
Water account.....	54,014 49
Curtis school house.....	6,786 74
Sewerage.....	347 25
County of Essex seals.....	6 00
Incidentals.....	5,565 89
Making a total of.....	<u>\$593,479 69</u>

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Notes payable.....	\$260,474 36
City bonds.....	287,500 00
Sinking funds.....	45,473 83
Commissioners of Atkinson Common.....	3 48
Bromfield fund....	28 02
Making a total of.....	<u>\$593,479 69</u>

POOR DEPARTMENT.

The resources have been as follows :

Appropriation.....	\$18,500 00
Received in reimbursements, from individuals, state and other cities and towns.....	3,659 33
Received from sale of produce, hay, ice and barrels.....	480 61
Soldiers' relief.....	847 69
Total appropriation and income....	\$23,487 63
Deduct soldiers' relief.....	847 69
Making a total of.....	<u>\$22,639 94</u>

The expenses as approved by the overseers of the poor have been as follows :

Almshouse.....	\$3,090 07
Insane hospital bills.....	6,973 82
Aid to Newburyport poor in other cities and towns.....	1,204 36
Fuel, groceries, clothing, house rent, etc., (out-door relief).....	7,341 54
Cash allowance.....	1,354 40
Dr. C. C. Day, allowed for medicine	350 00
Almshouse improvements.....	180 00
Salaries.....	2,862 42
Making a total of.....	\$23,356 61
Deduct soldiers' relief.....	847 69
	\$22,508 92
Amount undrawn and transferred to incidentals to balance account..	131 02
Making a total of.....	<u>\$22,639 94</u>

CITY CLERK'S ACCOUNT

December 18, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

City Hall.....	\$1,007 00
Issuing and recording 114 marriage certificates at 50 cents each.....	57 00
Recording mortgages and sundry papers.....	42 00
Advertising liquor licenses.....	62 00
Parks.....	26 00
Sale of lanterns and posts.....	10 50
A. D. Ordway (rent of land).....	10 00
A. Gurney.....	2 50
Telephone service.....	10

Issuing and recording miscellaneous licenses,
viz:

Billiards.....	\$ 4 00
Pool.....	22 00
Auctioneers.....	10 00
Junk.....	10 00
Pawn.....	4 00
Circus.....	50 00

\$100 00

From sale of burial lots, viz:

No. 238.....	\$5 00
" 362.....	15 00
" 329.....	15 00
" 117.....	12 00
" 361.....	15 00
" 32.....	12 00
" 321.....	15 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$89 00 \$1,317 10

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$89 00	\$1,317 10
No. 340.....	15 00	
" 337.....	15 00	
" 324.....	15 00	
" 343.....	15 00	
" 352.....	10 00	
(No number, old part).....	10 00	

\$169 00

Making a total of.....

\$1,486 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. V. Felker, city treasurer, miscellaneous fees, etc.....	\$1,486 10
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STATISTICS OF TAXATION, 1897.

Value of buildings.....	\$4,876,800 00
Value of lands.....	2,289,400 00

Total valuation of real estate.....	\$7,166,200 00
Value of resident bank shares.....	389,174 00
Total valuation of personal estate.....	2,108,700 00

Total valuation of assessed estate May 1, 1897...	\$9,664,074 00
Value of supplementary assessments.....	18,900 00

Total valuation of assessed estate, Dec. 18, 1897..	<u>\$9,682,974 00</u>
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Rate of taxation \$15.40 per \$1000, raised as follows, viz :

Real estate.....	\$ 110,561 22
Personal estate.....	32,563 30
Bank stock.....	5,993 28
Polls—3868 at \$2 each.....	7,736 00
Supplementary assessments including 47 polls at \$2 each....	94 00

Making a total of.....	<u>\$156,947 80</u>
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Divided as follows, viz :

City tax.....	\$ 136,500 00
County tax.....	10,495 73
State tax.....	7,857 50
Supplementary assessments.....	387 06
Overlay.....	1,707 51

Making a total of.....	<u>\$ 156,947 80</u>
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SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY—REAL AND PERSONAL.

Dec. 19, 1897.

City Hall building and land, Pleasant street, [brick].....	\$50,000 00
Police station, court house, engine house and land, Market Square, [brick].....	20,000 00
City farm buildings and 30 acres of land, North Atkinson street, [brick].....	40,000 00
Ward room, Congress street, [wood]	400 00
Library building and land State street, [brick].....	25,000 00
Ward room and land, Ashland street, [wood].....	400 00
Hearse house, gun house and pounds, Pond street [wood].....	200 00
Right of Ferryway.....	100 00
Old Hill burial ground.....	1,000 00
New Hill burial ground.....	1,000 00
Armory building, Merrimac street, [wood].....	14,000 00
Pest house [wood].....	100 00
Ward room, Purchase street, [wood]	200 00
Total.....	<u>\$152,400 00</u>

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Johnson school house and land, Hancock street, [brick].....	\$ 5,000 00
Bromfield street school house and land, [brick].....	7,000 00
Jackman school house and land, School street, [brick].....	10,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>	<u>\$22,000 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$22,000 00
Temple street school house and land, [brick].....	3,500 00
Kelley school house and land, High street, [brick].....	35,000 00
Congress street school house and land, [brick].....	6,000 00
Wesley street school house and land, [brick]....	3,000 00
Forrester street school house and land, [brick].....	8,000 00
Purchase street school house and land, [wood].....	3,000 00
Curtis school house and land, Ash- land street, [wood].....	10,000 00
Moultonville school house and land, [wood]....	1,500 00
Monroe street school house and land, [wood]....	800 00
	<u>\$92,800 00</u>

ENGINE HOUSES.

Engine house and land on Federal street, [brick].....	\$5,000 00
Engine house and land on Purchase street, [brick].....	2,500 00
Engine house and land on Congress street, [brick].....	5,000 00
Engine house and land on Merrimac street, [brick].....	1,000 00
	<u>\$13,500 00</u>

LANDS.

Washington park, High, Pond and Greenleaf streets.....	\$12,000 00
Common, Washington, Kent, Congress and Buck streets.....	9,000 00
Atkinson Common, High street.....	3,500 00
Land, High and Wesley streets.....	50 00
Triangular lot, Three Roads.....	200 00
Coffin lot, Hill street.....	1,200 00
Powder house lot, Low street.....	1,200 00
Pasture, Crow lane.....	700 00
Gravel pit, Coffin's court.....	300 00
Gravel pit, Greenleaf street.....	1,500 00
Gravel pit, North Atkinson street.....	800 00
Kent street landing....	1,500 00
Green street landing.....	2,000 00
Winter street landing.....	400 00
Jefferson street landing.....	300 00
Bromfield street landing.....	300 00
Goodwin landing.....	150 00
Gas house landing.....	50 00
Pettengill landing.....	50 00
Marlboro street landing.....	100 00
Janvrin landing.....	1,059 00
Coombs landing.....	100 00
Total.....	<u>\$36,459 00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Furniture in City Hall building, engine houses, police station and court room.....	6,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>	<u>\$6,000 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$6,000 00
Movable property in school houses, consisting of desks and chairs for pupils, books and miscellaneous supplies, viz :		
Johnson school.....	450 00	
Bromfield street school.....	546 00	
Purchase street school.....	60 00	
Jackman school.....	632 00	
Temple street school.....	138 00	
Kelly school.....	1,192 00	
Congress street school.....	311 00	
Congress street ward room.....	66 00	
Forrester street school.....	610 00	
Ashland street school in temporary quarters.....	142 00	
Ashland street ward room.....	38 00	
Moultonville school.....	149 00	
Plains school.....	100 00	
High school.....	1,550 00	
Committee room, City Hall.....	500 00	
		\$6,484 00
Three second class Amoskeag steamers, five hose wagons, one supply wagon, two hose reels, two hook and ladder trucks, 9000 feet leading hose 60 feet suction hose 2½ inch, three Siamese couplings, seven hand extinguishers, four double harnesses, six single harnesses and small supplies. In care of the chief engineer of the fire department.....		25,000 00
One ten ton road roller, one road machine, nine horses, three double carts, three single carts, three dou-		
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$37,484 00

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$37,484 00
ble sleighs, three single sleighs, one stone jigger, three double harnesses, three single harnesses, three single sleigh harnesses, nine horse blan- kets, nine canvas coverings, one ho- key pokey cart, two road ploughs, four gravel screens, four snow ploughs, one single horse shovel, one paving widder block iron, six paving widders wooden, two spirit levels, four wooden signs for road roller, eight iron signs for road roll- er, two tool boxes, four wooden horses, eighteen pickaxes, six hoes, twelve scoop shovels, six grubs, two paving hammers, twelve water pails, one water can, two kerosene oil cans, four wheelbarrows, thir- teen steel bars, four tamping bars, twelve chains, one brush cutter, two pendants for snow ploughs, two rakes, twelve lanterns, four stone chisels, six brush brooms, four stone hammers, two mauls, two sledges, stable implements. In care of the surveyor of highways..	4,287 65
Furniture in almshouse, other property in or about city farm buildings, viz : Five cows, thirteen swine, three horses, one mowing machine, one horse rake, one hay tedder, two sets hay forks and blocks, two ex- press wagons, two dump carts, one hay wagon, one light wagon,	
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$41,771 65

<i>Amount brought forward....</i>	\$41,771 65
two sets double harnesses, three sets single harnesses, two ploughs, two cultivators, one 4-ton 8x14 wagon scale, and other tools and appurtenances usually found on a farm. In care of the superintend- ent of city farm.....	3,027 00
Standard weights and measures.....	300 00
Fire alarm.....	5,000 00
Four hundred and eleven shares Boston & Maine Railroad Company com- mon stock at market value Dec. 18, 1897. Certificates fifty shares each viz: Number B 3911 to B 3918 in- clusive. Certificate eleven shares, viz: No. B, 11,237.....	69,048 00
Making a total of.....	<u>\$119,146 65</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Real estate.....	\$152,400 00
School houses.....	92,800 00
Engine houses.....	13,500 00
Lands.....	36,459 00
Personal property.....	119,146 65
Total.....	<u>\$414,305 65</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT
OF THE
SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT,
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 18, 1897. }

To the Committee on Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit a report of the condition of the Sinking Funds at this date, it being the close of the financial year.

Total funds, \$45,473.83 ; divided as follows :

SEWERAGE SINKING FUND.

Loan, \$107,500 ; due Sept. 1, 1919.

Total funds Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$12,391 78
City appropriation for 1897.....	2,150 00
Interest on investments in 1897.....	535 64

\$15,077 42

INVESTMENTS.

Newburyport 4% sewer bonds.....	\$15,000 00
Deposit Five Cents Savings Bank, city.	77 42

\$15,077 42

SINKING FUND.

Loan, \$90,000; due July 1, 1911.

Total funds Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$19,773 00
City appropriation for 1897.....	2,900 00
Interest on investments in 1897.....	847 00

\$23,520 00

INVESTMENTS.

Newburyport 4% sewer bonds.....	\$ 5,000 00
Malden 4% sewer bonds.....	15,000 00
Haverhill 4% water bonds.....	3,500 00
Deposit Five Cents Savings Bank, city..	20 00

\$23,520 00

SINKING FUND.

Loan, \$25,000; due April 1, 1913.

Total funds Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$ 3,420 00
City appropriation for 1897.....	800 00
Interest on investments in 1897.....	153 00

\$4,373 00

INVESTMENTS.

Haverhill 4% water bonds.....	\$ 2,500 00
Haverhill 4% bonds.....	1,500 00
Deposit Five Cents Savings Bank, city..	373 00

\$4,373 00

SINKING FUND.

Loan \$15,000; due March 1, 1899.

Loan \$65,000; due July 1, 1908.

Total funds Dec. 19, 1896.....\$33,362 70

City appropriation for 1897.....6,150 00

Interest on investments in 1897.....990 71

	\$40,503 41
Paid to City Treasurer of Newburyport to meet payment of city bonds fall- ing due Aug. 1, 1897.....	\$38,000 00
	\$2,503 41

INVESTMENTS.

Haverhill 4% bonds.....	\$ 500 00
Bangor 7% bond.....	1,000 00
Deposit Five Cents Savings Bank, city..	108 41
City of Newburyport, note 3½% on de- mand.....	895 00
	\$2,503 41

SUMMARY.

City of Newburyport 4% sewer bonds.....	\$20,000 00
City of Malden 4% sewer bonds.....	15,000 00
City of Haverhill 4% water bonds.....	6,000 00
City of Bangor 7% railroad bonds.....	1,000 00
City of Haverhill 4% bonds.....	2,000 00
Deposit Five Cents Savings Bank, city.....	578 83
City of Newburyport 3% note.....	895 00
	\$45,473 83

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FELKER, Treasurer.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
FOR THE
Year Ending December 18, 1897.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DR. CITY OF NEWBURYPORT in Account current with

To amount paid Mayor's orders, and charged as follows :

Poor.....	\$ 22,508	92
Schools.....	30 520	19
Fire.....	9,596	88
Highways.....	19,112	37
Incidentals.....	4,158	47
Public property.....	9,760	22
Police.....	12,834	91
Lighting.....	12,745	69
Interest.....	23,424	6
Public library.....	3,611	16
Public library (special).....	835	70
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	3,415	82
Newburyport bridge.....	1,143	61
Newburyport bridge (repairs).....	176	15
Essex Merrimac bridge.....	1,615	46
Curson Mill bridge.....	1	50
Culverts.....	690	82
Notes payable.....	191,629	36
State of Massachusetts, (State aid, chap. 301).....	7,542	00
“ “ (Military aid, chap. 279).....	792	46
“ “ (Burial expense).....	157	75
Bromfield fund.....	393	89
Liquor licenses (25 per cent. to state and sundries).....	6,084	77
Fuel.....	833	17
Salaries.....	9,820	09
Board of health.....	1,144	54
Printing.....	1,038	85
Sinking fund commissioners.....	12,000	00
Ashes and rubbish.....	1,123	20
Water supply.....	635	50
State tax.....	7,857	50
County tax.....	10,495	73
Non-resident bank tax.....	5,077	31
Memorial Day.....	150	00
Sewerage (construction).....	484	94
Sewers (maintenance).....	622	77
Parks or public grounds.....	483	47
Soldiers' relief.....	2,453	66
County of Essex (seals).....	225	00
Commissioners of Atkinson Common.....	419	05
Water account.....	21,120	56
Ashland street school house.....	5,051	60
City bonds, 4 per cent.....	38,000	00
Watering streets for 1897.....	4 755	41
Janvrin's landing.....	1,059	00
Balance, cash on hand Dec. 18, 1897.....	21,245	22

\$508,849 32

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.
DECEMBER 18, 1897.

JAMES V. FELKER, City Treasurer.	Cr.
By cash on hand, Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$ 26.602 88
By cash received and credited as follows:	
Poor.....	4,139 94
Schools.....	1,010 50
Fire.....	99 32
Highways.....	548 10
Incidentals.....	225 60
Public property.....	316 30
Police.....	580 63
Lighting.....	21 00
Interest on overdue taxes.....	\$ 2,340 10
" dividends Boston & Maine stock.....	2,466 00
" bank deposit.....	835 24
Public library.....	5,641 34
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	152 52
Notes payable.....	106 23
State or Massachusetts (State aid, chap. 301).....	218,524 36
" " (Military aid, chap. 279).....	7,167 50
" " (Burial expense).....	372 96
" " (Armory rents).....	70 00
" " (Armory rents).....	400 00
Bromfield fund.....	400 00
Liquor licenses.....	23,872 00
Ashes and rubbish.....	3 30
Non-resident bank tax, city banks.....	3,523 92
" " state of Massachusetts.....	2,671 61
Income, corporation tax 1896, state of Mass.....	6,195 53
" " 1897, ".....	2,381 33
" " Foreign shipping ".....	12,218 37
" " Foreign shipping ".....	928 32
Parks or public grounds.....	15,528 02
Soldiers' relief.....	26 00
County of Essex (seals).....	353 76
Dog licenses.....	219 00
City Hall.....	788 96
Burial lots.....	1,007 00
Sinking fund commissioners.....	169 00
Board of health.....	38,000 00
Betterment assessments.....	11 00
Watering streets for 1897.....	2,034 25
Tax of 1893.....	2,968 89
" 1894.....	34 00
" 1895.....	448 35
" 1896.....	11 206 60
" 1897.....	31,381 26
" 1897.....	108,072 36
Sewerage (construction).....	151,142 57
Newburyport bridge repairs.....	38 98
Commissioners of Atkinson Common.....	96 88
	15 00

\$508,849 32

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. FELKER, Treasurer.

TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE

Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances for the Year Ending Dec. 18, 1897.

Department.	Appropriation.	Income and Transfers.	Total Credits.	Expenditures and Transfers.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn.
Poor	\$ 18,500 00	\$ 4,139 94	\$ 22,639 94	\$ 22,508 92	\$ 131 02	
Schools	28,700 00	1,010 50	29,710 50	30,520 19		\$ 809 69
Fire	9,500 00	99 32	9,599 32	9,596 88	2 44	
Highways	17,000 00	1,048 10	18,048 10	19,112 37		1,064 27
Sidewalks and edgestones	1,000 00	2,370 17	3,370 17	3,423 24		53 07
Ashes and rubbish	1,100 00	3 30	1,103 30	1,123 20		19 90
Bridges and culverts	2,000 00	996 88	2,996 88	3,627 54		630 66
Water supply	1,300 00		1,300 00	635 50	664 50	
Incidentals	750 00	2,866 50	3,616 50	6,861 64		3,245 14
Public property	7,500 00	1,892 30	9,392 30	10,260 22		867 92
Police	12,500 00	580 63	13,080 63	12,834 91	245 72	
Lighting	12,500 00	21 00	12,521 00	12,745 69		224 69
Salaries	9,700 00		9,700 00	9,820 09		120 09
Fuel	550 00	283 17	833 17	833 17		
Public library	2,250 00	941 48	3,191 48	3,611 16		419 68
Public library (special)	1,000 00		1,000 00	835 70	164 30	
Printing	1,050 00		1,050 00	1,038 85	11 15	
Board of health	1,000 00	11 00	1,011 00	1,144 54		133 54
Military aid	400 00		400 00	396 23	3 77	
Abatements, tax of 1894	1,700 00		1,700 00	2,035 31		335 31
" " 1895	700 00	2 00	702 00	637 21	64 79	
" " 1896	500 00	59 75	559 75	604 00		44 25
" " 1897	100 00	2,094 57	2,194 57	666 49	1,528 08	

Parks	850 00	26 00	876 00	883 47	7 47
Memorial Day	150 00		150 00	150 00	
Sewer (maintenance)	700 00		700 00	622 77	
Soldiers' relief	2,400 00	353 76	2,753 76	2,453 66	77 23
Interest	17,000 00	5,641 34	22,641 34	23,424 65	300 10
Notes payable	3,500 00		3,500 00	3,500 00	
Sinking funds	12,000 00		12,000 00	12,000 00	
Janvrin's landing	600 00	459 00	1,059 00	1,059 00	783 31
	<u>\$168,500 00</u>	<u>\$24,900 71</u>	<u>\$193,400 71</u>	<u>\$198,966 60</u>	
Balance overdrawn for the year				\$3,193 10	
				5,565 89	
				<u>\$8,758 99</u>	<u>\$8,758 99</u>

STATEMENT OF CITY DEBT

December 18, 1897.

	DUE.	INT.	RATE.	AMT.
City bonds, refunding loan....	1908	\$2,600 00	4	\$ 65,000 00
“ “ “	1911	3,600 00	4	90,000 00
“ “ “	1913	1,000 00	4	25,000 00
“ sewerage “	1919	4,300 00	4	107,500 00
Notes payable, No. 396, ten year loan ..	1899	600 00	4	15,000 00
“ “ 528, armory loan....	1898	70 00	3½	2,000 00
“ “ 529, “ “	1899	70 00	3½	2,000 00
“ “ 530, “ “ ...	1900	70 00	3½	2,000 00
“ “ 531, “ “ ...	1901	105 00	3½	3,000 00
“ “ 554, “ “ ...	1902	48 00	4	1,200 00
“ “ 550, school loan....	1898	60 00	4	1,500 00
“ “ 551 “ “ 1899		60 00	4	1,500 00
“ “ 552 “ “ 1900		60 00	4	1,500 00
“ “ 553 “ “ 1901		60 00	4	1,500 00
“ “ 539, temporary loan..	1898	40 00	4	1,000 00
“ “ 556, “ “ 1898		160 00	4	4,000 00
“ “ 558, “ “ 1898		360 00	4	9,000 00
“ “ 559, “ “ 1898		360 00	4	9,000 00
“ “ 560, “ “ 1898		300 00	4	7,500 00
“ “ 561, “ “ 1898		40 00	4	1,000 00
“ “ 562, “ “ 1898		280 00	4	7,000 00
“ “ 563, “ “ 1898		58 70	4	1 467 73
“ “ 564, “ “ 1898		37 50	3½	1,000 00
“ “ 567, “ “ 1898		150 00	3	20,000 00
“ “ 568, “ “ 1898		115 60	2½	16,000 00
“ “ 565. Railroad loan...1898		2,508 15	3½	71,661 63
“ “ 569, temporary loan demand		26 85	3	895 00
Note, committee on Sawyer fund....	“	225 00	4½	5,000 00
“ “ “ Brown “	“	675 00	4½	15,000 00
“ “ “ Frothingham fund. “	“	40 00	4	1,000 00
“ “ “ Green fund.....	“	80 00	4	2,000 00
“ “ “ Toppan fund... “	“	10 00	4	250 00
“ “ “ A. Williams fund “	“	40 00	4	1,000 00
“ “ “ Todd fund.....	“	400 00	4	10,000 00
“ “ “ W. O. Moseley fund “	“	400 00	4	10,000 00

*Amount carried forward.....**\$512,474 36*

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$512,474 36
Note, overseers of poor, Dexter fund “	90 00	4½	2,000 00
“ trustees will Margaret Atwood. “	472 50	4½	10,500 00
“ “ Simpson fund..... “	900 00	4½	20,000 00
“ “ Follansbee fund..... “	120 00	4	3,000 00
	\$20,592 30		\$547,974 36
Due sundry accounts.....			31 50
			\$548,005 86
Less sinking funds and other assets as per schedule.....			148,161 84
Net debt Dec. 18, 1897.....			\$399,844 02
Net debt Dec 19, 1896.....			385,686 36
Increase of debt in year 1897.....			\$ 14,157 66
The increase of debt in 1897 is explained as follows:			
Overdraft in 1897.....	\$ 5,565 89		
Expenditures on sewerage in 1897.....	445 96		
“ “ water “ “	21,120 56		
“ “ school house in 1897.....	5,051 60		
Debit for the year.....			\$32,184 01
Appropriated to sinking funds in 1897.....	\$12,000 00		
“ “ notes payable in 1897.....	3,500 00		
Net income of sinking funds “ “.....	2,526 35		
Credit for the year.....			\$18,026 35
Increase of debt (as above stated)			\$14,157 66

MEMORANDUM.

The city holds 411 shares Boston & Maine Railroad common stock. The market value of the stock at close of the books today is quoted at \$168.00 per share. At the price quoted the atock would be worth \$69,048.00, which if sold at said price would reduce the net debt of the city that amount.

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Showing Balance Dec. 18, 1897.

Assessed for city purposes.....	\$136,500 00	
“ re-assessments.....	387 06	
“ overlay.....	1,707 51	
“ state tax.....	7,857 50	
“ county tax	10,495 73	
		\$156,947 80
Income allowed by assessors.....	32,000 00	
“ credited the several departments.....	22,806 14	
“ from Bromfield fund in 1897.....	400 00	
Balance due Atkinson Common acct. Dec. 19, 1896	7 53	
“ “ Bromfield fund account Dec. 19, 1896..	21 91	
Income from Atkinson Common account in 1897..	415 00	
		\$212,598 38

Payments on the several departments..	\$179,462 59	
Abatements of tax of 1893.....	61 00	
“ “ 1894.....	2,035 31	
“ “ 1895.....	637 21	
“ “ 1896.....	604 00	
“ “ 1897.....	666 49	
Paid state tax.....	7,857 50	
“ county tax.....	10,495 73	
Expenditures on Bromfield fund.....	393 89	
“ “ Atkinson Common..	419 05	
Paid sinking fund commissioners city appropriation for 1897.....	12,000 00	

Amounts carried forward..... \$214,632 77 \$212,598 38

<i>Amounts brought forward...</i>	\$214,632 77	\$212,598 38
Paid notes payable city appropriation for 1897.....	3,500 00	
		\$218,132 77
		\$5,534 39
Credit balance of Atkinson Common ac- count Dec. 18, 1897.....	\$3 48	
Credit balance Bromfield fund account Dec. 18, 1897.....	28 02	
		\$31 50
Balance overdrawn for year 1897.....		\$5,565 89

DEBTS DUE THE CITY AND OTHER ASSETS

December 18, 1897.

Taxes of 1895.....	\$ 2,193 13	
“ “ 1896	16,295 21	
“ “ 1897	48,208 95	
Betterment assessments.....	3,897 61	
Watering streets for 1897.....	823 70	
State of Massachusetts, state aid.....	6,934 00	
“ “ military aid...	372 23	
“ “ burial.....	157 75	
“ “ corporation tax 1897.....	2,554 21	
Sinking funds.....	45,473 83	
Cash on hand Dec. 18, 1897.....	21,245 22	
County of Essex (seals).....	6 00	
		\$148,161 84

COMMISSIONERS OF ATKINSON COMMON
IN ACCOUNT WITH
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

Balance due from the city Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$ 7 53
Appropriation from city for year 1897.....	400 00

CREDITS.

From E. K. Batchelder, error in bill.....	15 00
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\$422 53

EXPENDITURES.

Joseph Breck & Sons, fertilizer bone and hard wood ashes.....	\$ 38 75
E. F. Jackman, services at common.....	27 75
C. W. Nelson, cash paid for shrubs and ex- penses to Boston.....	9 40
George Milton, services at common.....	39 00
R. W. Nelson " " 	41 25
John Ronan, use of horse and team.....	28 40
O. H. Nelson, services at common.....	8 25
E. J. Hopkinson " " 	17 25
E. K. Batchelder " " 	45 75
W. H. Raymond Grocery Co., 3 lawn seats..	9 75
A. J. Horne & Co., trees and shrubs.....	126 25
J. H. Delano, services at common.....	14 25
James C. Colman, 2 casks Portland cement..	6 00
Thomas Hale, labor.....	2 00
Cornelius Sullivan, labor.....	2 00
Daniel Cronan, " 	2 00
Charles Bashaw " 	1 00

\$419 05

Balance due from the city Dec. 18, 1897.....	\$3 48
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

Balance due from state Dec. 19, 1896..\$	9,362 42	
State aid paid in 1897, chap. 301, acts of 1894.....	7,542 00	
Military aid, paid in 1897, chap. 279, acts of 1894.....	792 46	
Burial expenses in 1897, chap. 62, acts of 1894.....	157 75	
Armory rent charged in 1897.....	400 00	
Corporation taxes for year 1897.....	14,772 58	
Excess of appropriation for one half payments of military aid in 1897..	3 77	
		\$33,030 98

RECEIVED.

For account state aid, chap. 301.....\$	7,167 50	
For account military aid, chap. 279...	372 96	
For account burial expense, chap. 62..	70 00	
For account armory rents.....	400 00	
For account corporation tax 1896, (bal.)	2,381 33	
For account corporation tax 1897.....	12,215 37	
City appropriation for one half pay- ments made in 1897, chap. 279...	400 00	
From incidentals corporation tax of 1896, not allowed by state.....	2 63	
		\$23,012 79
Balance due city of Newburyport.....	\$10,018 19	

DUE FROM THE STATE DEC. 18, 1897.

For state aid, chap. 301, acts of 1894.....	\$ 6,934 00	
For military aid, chap. 279, acts of 1894.....	372 23	
For burial, chap. 62. acts of 1894.....	157 75	
For corporation taxes of 1897.....	2,554 21	
	\$10,018 19	

TRIAL BALANCE,

December 18, 1897.

DR.		CR.	
Cash.....	\$ 463 23	Notes payable.....	\$260,474 36
First National Bank, Newburyport.....	15,031 11	City bonds.....	287,500 00
First National Bank, Boston	5,750 88	Sinking funds.....	45,473 83
State of Mass. state aid	6,934 00	Bromfield fund.....	28 02
“ military aid.....	372 23	Atkinson Common commissioners...	3 48
State of Mass. burial..	157 75		
“ corpora- tax 1897... ..	2,554 21		
Sinking fund commis- sioners	45,473 83		
City of Newburyport..	296,541 85		
Boston & Maine R. R. Co.....	71,861 63		
Betterment assessments	3,897 61		
Watering streets for 1897.....	823 70		
Tax of 1895.....	2,193 13		
“ 1896.....	16,295 21		
“ 1897.....	48,208 95		
New armory....	10,200 00		
Water account.....	54,014 49		
Curtis school house..	6,786 74		
Sewerage.....	347 25		
County of Essex (seals)	6 00		
Incidentals.....	5,565 89		
	\$593 479 69		\$593 479 69



ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

DR. CITY OF NEWBURYPORT in Account current

To uncollected taxes of 1893, Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$ 95 00	
" " 1894, " 	2,483 66	
" " 1895, " 	14,034 94	
" " 1896, " 	48,220 72	
		\$64,834 32
To uncollected betterment assessments, Dec. 19, 1896.....	3,675 34	
To supplementary commitment tax 1895.....	2 00	
" " " 1896.....	59 75	
To tax of 1897 committed by assessors' city war-		
rant.....	168,500 00	
Less income.....	32,000 00	
	136 500 00	
To state tax... ..	7,857 50	
To county tax.....	10,495 73	
To overlay.....	1,707 51	
To supplementary commitment.....	387 06	
		156,947 80
To non-resident bank tax for 1897.....	3,523 92	
To betterment assessments levied in 1897.....	2,263 94	
To amount charged and paid for watering streets		
for year 1897.....	4,792 59	
		\$236,099 66

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

with JAMES V. FELKER, Collector of Taxes.

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By taxes of 1893 collected and paid to treasurer...	\$34 00	
" 1894 " " ...	448 35	
" 1895 " " ...	11,206 60	
" 1896 " " ...	31,381 26	
" 1897 " " ...	108,072 36	
		\$151,142 57
By betterments collected and paid to treasurer.....		2,041 67
By non-resident bank tax " " 		3,523 92
By amount appropriated by the city for watering streets for 1897.....		1,900 00
By watering streets for 1897 amount collected and paid to treasurer.....		2,068 89
By abatement of taxes of 1893.....	61 00	
" " 1894.....	2,035 31	
" " 1895.....	637 21	
" " 1896.....	604 00	
" " 1897.....	666 49	
		4,004 01
By uncollected taxes of 1895 to new account.....	2,193 13	
" " 1896 " 	16,295 21	
" " 1897 " 	48,208 95	
		66,697 29
By uncollected betterments to new account.....		3,897 61
By uncollected watering streets assessments for year 1897 to new account.....		823 70
		\$71,418 60
		\$236,099 66

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. FELKER, Collector.

Newburyport, Dec. 18, 1897.

DETAILED STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT,
For the Year Ending December 18, 1897.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1893.

Amount allowed on assessors' orders.....	\$ 61 00
Overdrawn transferred from incidentals.....	61 00

1894.

City appropriation.....	\$ 1,700 00
Allowed on assessors' orders.....	2,035 31
Overdrawn transferred from incidentals.....	\$335 31

1895.

City appropriation....	\$ 700 00
Supplementary assessments.....	2 00
	702 00
Allowed on assessors' orders.....	637 21
Undrawn transferred to incidentals.....	\$ 64 79

1896.

City appropriation.....	\$ 500 00
Supplementary assessments.....	59 75
	559 75
Allowed on assessors' orders.....	604 00
Overdrawn transferred from incidentals.....	\$44 25

1897.

City appropriation.....	\$ 100 00
Supplementary assessments.....	387 06
Overlay.....	1,707 51
	2,194 57
Allowed on assessors' orders.....	666 49
Undrawn transferred to incidentals.....	\$1,528 08

ASHES AND RUBBISH.

Appropriation.....	\$ 1,100 00
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CREDITS.

From B. H. Hussey, ashes.....	3 30
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Total appropriation and income.....	1,103 30
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Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....	19 90
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	\$ 1,123 20
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EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Highways.

Daniel Quill, labor.....	\$ 43 20
Daniel Cronan, "	63 00
Patrick Scully, "	52 20
Thomas Ryan, "	16 20
Dennis Kelleher, "	82 80
Cornelius Sullivan, labor.....	90 00
Edward Powers, labor.....	73 80
Joseph Marshall, "	19 80
Joseph Gaddas, "	46 80
Charles Bashaw, "	84 60
Thomas Hale, "	73 80
George E. Pearson, "	88 20
Charles E. Allen, "	23 40
John Connors, "	1 80
Daniel Casey, "	1 80
Cornelius P. Kelleher, labor....	3 60
James D. Kelleher, labor.....	1 80
Thomas Marshall, "	3 60
Daniel Lucy, "	16 20
Cornelius Sheehan, "	21 60

<i>Amounts carried forward...</i>	\$808 20	\$1,123 20
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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$808 20	\$1,123 20
George E. Dixon,	"	28 80	
Cornelius Lynch,	"	7 20	
David F. Dow,	"	57 60	
Thomas C. Hale,	"	3 60	
Henry Clifford,	"	5 40	
John Pollard,	"	55 80	
Matthew Barrett,	"	50 40	
William Tatterfield,	" ..	37 80	
Gilbert Bashaw,	"	5 40	
Timothy Coffey,	"	9 00	
John Hadden,	"	23 40	
John D. Foley,	" ..	1 80	
Cornelius Kelleher,	"	12 60	
Cornelius Lyons,	"	1 80	
Daniel Lynch,	"	3 60	
Patrick Russell,	"	3 60	
Eugene Collins,	"	1 80	
William T. Tobin,	" ..	5 40	
			<u>\$1,123 20</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation..... \$1,000 00

CREDITS.

George W. Knight, removing dead horse.....	\$1 50	
Cash from plumbers licenses.....	9 50	
		<u>11 00</u>
Total appropriation and income.....	\$1,011 00	
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....		<u>133 54</u>
		<u>\$1,144 54</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Board of Health.

Wm. H. Lawrence, services as inspector of plumbing	\$ 164 00
George H. Plumer, milk.....	8 18
George W. Knight, salary as agent to Dec. 1, 1897, and cash paid.....	277 6:
J. Walter Akerman, provisions.....	13 80
Samuel W. Tuck, service of notice and expense....	3 50
F. J. Donahoe, groceries.....	18 20
John W. Allen, groceries.....	3 84
Charles P. Kelley, groceries.....	3 63
John Murphy, milk and eggs.....	2 00
Jere Sweeney, removal of house offal to June 1, 1897	250 00
Union Cash Market, provisions.....	8 82
J. C. Armstrong, provisions.....	6 77
Wm. P. Coffin, milk.....	2 05
P. H. Blumpey, groceries.....	12 70
T. W. Scrivens, provisions.....	11 73
R. C. Marr, groceries.....	12 29
Moses A. Stevens, groceries.....	17 51
M. C. Adams, provisions.....	11 26
Gould & Adams, one dating stamp.....	2 50
Amos H. Geary, services as clerk of board to Dec. 1, 1897.....	50 00
Jas. F. Carens, groceries.....	14 62
T. A. Moynihan, milk.....	4 00
Caleb B. Huse, printing.....	2 50
Chas. L. Davis, sulpho, naphthol, culture tubes, etc..	11 85
Jere Healey, coal.....	2 00
I. K. Wells, provisions.....	12 48
News Pub. Co., advertising.....	10 50
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising..	9 75
E. N. Follansbee, groceries.....	11 54
S. E. Kimball, groceries.....	9 36
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$968 99</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$ 968 99
C. C. Day, antitoxine.....	12 00
J. O. Winkley, milk.....	1 55
H. J. Hidden, special officer on diptheria case.....	54 00
Geo. J. Ross, " " " "	54 00
John F. Murphy, " " " "	54 00
	\$1,144 54

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation.....\$2,000 00

CREDITS.

From incidental account transfer.....	\$900 00
From county of Essex, 55% of cost of repairs on Newburyport bridge.....	96 88
	\$ 996 88
Total appropriation and income.....	2,996 88
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....	630 66
	\$3,627 54

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Bridges and Culverts.

Newburyport bridge....	\$1,143 61
Newburyport bridge (repairs).....	176 15
Essex Merrimac bridge.....	1,615 46
Curson Mill bridge.....	1 50
Culverts.....	690 82
	\$3,627 54

NEWBURYPORT BRIDGE.

William I. Hunt, services as drawtender and cash paid for helper, etc.....	\$ 880 70
Newburyport Gas and Electric Co., lighting bridge.....	73 45
C. H. Kelleher, expense of breaking up ice in river.....	51 85
D. N. Richardson, one bushel of salt.....	60
M. O'Connell, iron work on draw.....	5 92
Estate of N. Varina, weighing stone.....	78
John G. Muldoon, smoke stack for house..	3 50
Thomas P. Mackinney, nails, oil, etc.....	5 05
E. Perkins Lumber Co., lumber and teaming.....	50 34
James C. Colman, lumber and teaming....	18 41
John H. Balch, Jr., 4,410 lbs. coal at \$5.60	11 03
James H. Noyes, groceries.....	3 45
A. Russell & Son, casting and repairs on draw.....	27 62
Frank Day, stock and labor.....	7 56
Charles R. Sargent, drill pieces and teaming.....	1 75
Thomas Hale, labor.....	80
Daniel Cronan, labor.....	80

 \$1,143 61

NEWBURYPORT BRIDGE (REPAIRS.)

J. H. P. McQuillen, stock and labor.....	\$ 150 00
Thomas F. O'Neil, 52,030 lbs. stone at \$1.	26 15

 \$176 15

Amount carried forward.....

 \$1,319 76

Amount brought forward..... \$1,319 76

ESSEX MERRIMAC BRIDGE.

Humphrey Haley, labor.....	\$1 80	
William D. Williams, "	1 80	
Charles W. Jackman, "	2 50	
Joseph B. Gaddas, "	3 00	
Thomas Hale, "	2 80	
John D. Foley "	1 40	
Charles E. Allen "	2 00	
Jeremiah Sheehan "	2 00	
Edmund Ryan, "	2 00	
John Pollard, "	1 40	
James C. Colman, teaming.....	75	
N. C. Moody, ten hangers and screw bolts.	19 00	
Thomas P. Thomas, concreting on Chain bridge.....	15 00	
Daniel Cronan, labor.....	1 40	
Frank Buckley, "	1 40	
R. G. Adams, stock and labor.....	21 21	
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising.....	12 75	
Henry J. Noyes, plan, specifications and services as inspector of repairs on bridge	46 00	
News Publishing Company, advertising....	9 50	
L. M. Hatch & Son, replanking Chain bridge as per contract.....	1,467 75	
		\$1,615 46

CURSON MILL BRIDGE.

Henry J. Noyes, labor on bridge.....	1 50	1 50
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CULVERTS.

James C. Colman, cement.....	\$ 28 15
N. C. Moody, grating and hangers.....	7 38
J. Littlefield & Son, stock and labor.....	14 46
Sidewalks, 750 bricks.....	7 50
Jerry Kelleher, to building an extension to culvert at foot of Olive street.....	195 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$252 49 \$2,936 72

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$252 49	\$2936 72
Jere B. Lunt, stock and labor on culverts..	107 33	
E. Perkins Lumber Co., lumber and teaming	16 90	
Thomas Ronan, labor	3 50	
John Pollard, "	25 60	
Charles W. Jackman "	6 00	
William Tatterfield, "	2 00	
Patrick Russell, "	1 80	
Edward Powers, "	1 80	
Jeremiah Sheehan, "	5 80	
Thomas Marshall, "	2 60	
Charles E. Allen, "	39 00	
George E. Pearson, "	26 10	
Joseph B. Gaddas, "	55 30	
Frank Buckley, "	1 00	
Cornelius Sullivan, "	5 60	
Jeremiah Toomey, "	31 60	
John Clifford, "	60	
John Wayland, "	1 20	
Charles W. Thurlow "	1 20	
Charles Bashaw, "	12 50	
Frederick McDonald "	5 40	
George E. Dixon, "	19 60	
Dennis Kelleher, "	3 60	
Charles W. Davis, "	80	
Daniel Lucy, "	15 20	
Edmund Ryan, "	14 80	
Cornelius Lynch, "	4 80	
Patrick Scully, "	80	
Henry Clifford, "	6 00	
James Lyons, "	3 10	
Thomas Hale, "	11 00	
Cornelius Kelleher, "	4 80	
John Hale, "	1 00	
	<u>690 82</u>	
	<u>\$3,627 54</u>	

BROMFIELD FUND.

Balance on hand Dec. 19, 1896.....	\$ 21 91
Income for 1897.....	<u>400 00</u>
	\$421 91
Balance on hand Dec. 18, 1897.....	<u>28 02</u>
	393 89

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Committee on Bromfield Fund.

John Ronan, fifty-nine maple trees.....	\$118 00
C. H. Meader, stock and labor on sidewalks.	6 55
R. C. McConnell, trimming trees.....	3 00
Thos. Marshall, trimming trees.....	25 40
Cephas Forman, labor.....	5 10
Thos. Hale. “	50
Dan'l Cronan, “	50
Chas. E. Allen, “	15 60
Jos. Gaddas, “	7 70
Fred'k McDonald,“	12 80
George Dixon, “	2 00
John Pollard, “	2 00
Philip D. Adams, allowance on side walk ac- count.....	26 79
Martha B. Bowlen, allowance on sidewalk account.....	45 31
Ellen Collins, allowance on sidewalk account	14 14
Stephen H. Guptill, allowance on sidewalk account.....	12 00
George Simpson, allowance on sidewalk ac- count.....	9 52
Mrs. William Pearson, allowance on side- walk account.....	16 16
Clara J. Edgerly, allowance on sidewalk ac- count.....	49 97
Henry A. Lander, allowance on sidewalk ac- count.....	<u>20 85</u>

\$393 89

CITY BONDS.

Amount outstanding Dec. 19, 1896.....\$325,500 00
 Bonds paid during year 1897 as follows: Nos. 1 to
 38 inclusive denomination of \$1000 each, dated
 August 1, 1887, due August 1, 1897, bearing
 interest at rate of 4% per annum..... 38,000 00

Amount outstanding Dec. 18, 1897..... \$287,500 00

Due as follows:

1908 at 4%\$65,000 00
 1911 " 90,000 00
 1913 " 25,000 00
 1919 " 107,500 00

\$287,500 00

CURTIS SCHOOL HOUSE.

Balance December 19, 1896.....\$ 3,235 14

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

Chandler & Barber, hardware..... \$96 66
 Smith Anthony Co., steam heating and ven-
 tilating Curtis school as per contract,
 and one special safety valve..... 1,492 00
 Charles M. Somerby, labor..... 18 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$1,606 66 \$3235 14

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$1,606 66	\$3235 14
Fred E. Collins, balance on account of contract and extras.....	2,719 45	
William J. Creasey, oiling floors and painting.....	55 00	
Jere Kelleher, stock and labor.....	200 46	
Pearl S. Bradford, 50 feet hose and extra pipe.....	13 15	
Daniel F. Noyes, stock and labor.....	26 18	
John E. Bailey, plans, specifications, superintending construction of Curtis school, and cash paid.....	415 74	
L. Griffin, stock and labor wiring building for electric bells.....	14 96	
		<u>\$5,051 60</u>
		<u>\$8,286 74</u>

CREDIT.

By note paid in 1897.....	\$1,500 00	
By notes issued school loan.....	6,000 00	
		<u>\$7,500 00</u>
Balance unprovided for Dec. 18, 1897.....	\$ 786 74	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$ 9,500 00
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CREDITS.

From Highway Department, hose.....	\$80 00	
“ H. H. Landford, sale of lanterns.....	3 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$83 00	\$9,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 83 00	\$9,500 00
From H. H. Landford, sale of old hose.....	75	
“ “ “ “ coverings	3 57	
“ “ “ “ copper and brass	4 00	
“ H. A. Glazier, error in bill.....	6 00	
“ A. F. Ross, two samson jars.....	2 00	
		99 32
Total appropriation and income.....	\$9,599 32	
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....		2 44
		\$9,596 88

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Fire Department.

H. H. Landford, 12 month's salary as chief to Nov. 1, 1897.....	\$ 300 00
H. H. Landford, 6 month's services to June 15, 1896, as superintendent of fire alarm	100 00
H. H. Landford, allowance for horse hire and cashpaid for expenses and repairs.	248 20
Board of engineers, services as engineers..	165 00
Steamer Company, No. 1, services of the company.....	630 00
Steamer Company, No. 2, services of the company.....	675 00
Steamer Company, No. 3, services of the company.....	675 00
Young America Hook and Ladder Company, services of the company.....	675 00
Hose Company No. 7, services of company	485 00
Hose Company, No. 8, “ “	485 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$4,438 20 \$9,596 88

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$4,438 20	\$9,596 88
Charles W. Adams, services as engineer		
Steamer No. 1.....	160 00	
Frank W. Landford, services as engineer,		
Steamer No. 2.....	160 00	
Frank E. Davis, services as engineer Steamer		
No. 3.....	160 00	
Jason E. Lawrence, services as assistant		
engineer Steamer No. 1.....	20 00	
Charles S. Blake, services as assistant		
engineer Steamer No. 2.....	20 00	
George W. Ross, services as assistant		
engineer Steamer No. 3.....	20 00	
Walter R. Bradbury, services as steward and		
fireman Steamer No. 3.....	137 50	
George N. Black, services as steward and		
fireman Steamer No. 2.....	162 50	
Eben P. Allen, 52 weeks' salary as perma-		
nent fireman.....	728 00	
Daniel Cashman, 14 months' use of horses		
and driver to Nov. 1, 1897.....	1,278 00	
The Electric Gas Lighting Co., electrical		
supplies and apparatus.....	251 64	
Henry K. Barnes, supplies.....	163 52	
Jackson Express, express.....	1 30	
S. H. Thurlow, hardware.....	9 60	
F. E. Davis, stock and labor.....	44 42	
Estate of Jere Cashman, use of lead horses.	32 00	
Jere Healey, coal and wood.....	25 00	
Atkinson Coal Co., coal.....	12 75	
George H. Plumer, dry goods.....	1 52	
A. F. Ross & Co., 25 lbs. saleratus.....	1 00	
Telephone Co., use and rental of telephone	41 00	
Estate D. B. Pierce, sundries.....	4 60	

Amounts carried forward.....\$7,872 55 \$9,596 88

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> ...	\$7,872 55	\$9,596 88
John W. Allen, groceries.....	27 90	
C. H. Jackman, painting canvas for hose wagon.....	2 00	
Combination Ladder Co., one spray nozzle and smoke protectors.....	40 00	
J. M. Haley, use of hose and teaming.....	67 00	
John M. Fox & Co., 50 lbs. copper.....	3 50	
Harry A. Glazier, one single hanger for Hose No. 1.....	6 00	
Western Union Telegraph Co., time service of clock at Central fire station.....	12 00	
John J. Kelley, repairs on apparatus.....	11 30	
M. H. Chase, sundries.....	26 00	
Samuel Cook, removing snow from reservoirs	40 00	
A. L. Jackson, " " "	78 09	
McGlew Brothers, stock and labor.....	33 45	
Charles H. Stanwood, removing snow from reservoirs.....	12 67	
Edward Perkins Lumber Co., stock and labor	22 60	
Andrew C. Hall, 12 months' service as steward Hook and Ladder Co., to Nov. 1, 1897	50 00	
Edward Hardy & J. Warren Frost, to extra time at fire April 3.....	1 50	
Edward Osgood, one brush.....	35	
William Holker, sundries.....	17 45	
Engine Company No. 1, extra service of men	4 50	
J. M. Greenough, hack hire.....	5 00	
S. P. Safford, " "	10 00	
John Collins, coal.....	19 79	
William B. Porter, teaming.....	196 92	
James C. Colman, lumber.....	22	
Charles R. Sargent, stock and labor.....	110 59	
Walworth Manufacturing Co., globe valves, Ts and couplings.....	14 55	

Amounts carried forward.....\$8,685 93\$9,596 88

DETAILED STATEMENT.

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$8,685 93	\$9,596 88
E. P. Allen, cash paid for washing and rolling hose.....	2 50	
Cephas Forman, labor on fire alarm wires.....	42 30	
Lovett's Express, express.....	8 35	
John H. Balch, Jr., 155,620 lbs. of stove, egg and broken coal.....	374 96	
John H. Balch, Jr., 7050 lbs. cannel coal..	52 88	
Towle Manufacturing Co., one steam trap fire gong.....	15 00	
Thomas Noyes & Sons, salt.....	23	
Boston Fire Proof Covering Co., 109 feet mineral wool covering.....	18 87	
Archibald Wheel Co., pair of iron hubbed wheels.....	14 40	
Charles H. Meader, stock and labor.....	5 05	
A. Russell & Sons, " ".....	6 47	
A. E. Walker, plating trimmings.....	1 40	
William J. Creasey, 100 lights of glass for fire alarm boxes.....	1 50	
George A. Banks, for painting Engine 1 and varnishing Hose 1.....	41 00	
J. C. Armstead, labor on indicators.....	2 00	
Parker M. Lougee, rimming, tiring and boxing wheels.....	50 00	
March's cheap cash store, groceries.....	1 35	
T. J. Mannix, shavings.....	1 50	
H. H. Hardy, seven days' labor as perma- nent man.....	14 00	
James Winslow, 178 bushels charcoal.....	17 80	
J. P. Atkinson, agent, 5 gals. of brass polish	8 75	
Thomas Colman, labor on wires.....	3 75	
Erwin R. Dow, services at Winkley fire...	2 00	
L. S. Hilton, services at Winkley fire and at bonfire.....	4 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$9,375 99	\$9,596 88

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$9,375 99	\$9,596 88
Wilbur S. Porter, services at bonfire.....	2 00	
Hermon Staples, paint.....	2 46	
W. A. Davis & Son, 7 lbs. part worn duck	98	
George W. Stanwood, services at bonfire..	2 00	
Frank Collins, labor, cement and teaming..	2 75	
Edward Donahoe, stock.....	1 00	
John Wilson, washing and rolling hose....	1 50	
American Express Co., express.....	3 00	
Newburyport laundry, laundry work.....	75	
The New England Gamewell Co., two fire alarm signal boxes, 19 key boxes and one mile of wire.....	204 45	

\$9,596 88

FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation....	\$ 550 00
Income transferred from incidentals.....	283 17
	\$833 17

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Committee on Fuel.

Atkinson Coal Co., 14,720 lbs. waste coal, armory.....	\$ 33 12
Jere Healey, 9,000 lbs. egg coal, armory...	21 37
Jere Healey, 16,000 lbs. egg coal, Central fire station.....	38 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$92 49 \$833 17

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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$92 49	\$833 17
Jere Healey, 4 feet hard wood and kindling wood.....	5 25	
C. H. Allen, collecting coal tickets.....	4 50	
John H. Balch, Jr., 53,880 lbs. stove coal, armory at \$5.60.....	134 70	
John H. Balch, Jr., 76,160 lbs. egg coal, City Hall at \$5.35.....	186 82	
John H. Balch, Jr., 92,120 lbs. broken coal, public library at \$5.35.....	220 02	
Edward Donahoe, weighing 342 tons coal.	17 10	
L. W. Coker, weighing 385 tons of coal...	19 25	
John Collins, 65,675 lbs. coal delivered Ashland street school, temporary school and ward room.....	153 04	
		<u>\$833 17</u>

Prices paid for fuel during the year :

Stove coal.....	\$5 60 per 2240 lbs.
Egg coal.....	5 35 " " "
Broken coal.....	5 35 " " "
Pine wood.....	3 60 per cord
Charcoal.....	10 per bushel.

There was delivered to the city during the year :

905 tons coal.
100 cords pine wood.
1,303 bushels charcoal.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....\$ 17,000 00

CREDITS.

From F. H. Plumer, use of jigger, etc.....	\$ 3 10
From Patrick Scully, error in bill.....	30
From town of Newbury, use of road machine.....	7 00
From Mrs. S. J. Spalding, repairing street.	1 50
From Wilkinson Brothers, " " .	9 25
From Daniel Cashman, use of jigger and bedding.....	32 60
From H. S. Tenney, dirt.....	1 40
From E. N. Follansbee, horse liniment....	50
From James C. Colman, use of jigger and gravel.....	45
From W. H. Dow, horse liniment.....	50
From Herbert S. Noyes, gravel.....	1 00
From T. J. Pressey, repairing street.....	2 50
From George W. White " "	1 50
From C. R. Sargent, " "	1 50
From Louis F. Barton, " "	2 50
From Willard J. Hale, shoveling snow....	20
From estate C. C. Sliney, " "	1 20
From Margaret Dimmick, " "	2 80
From estate Jacob B. Brown, shoveling snow.....	60
From Mrs. S. H. Fowle, shoveling snow..	3 50
From Warren T. Currier, labor on sidewalk	6 00
From Francis Curtis, repairs on trench....	1 50
From William P. Lowell, stone.....	2 00
From Charles Smith, horse medicine.....	1 00

Amounts carried forward.....\$ 84 40\$17,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 84 40	\$17000 00
From Charles H. Meader, stone.....	3 00	
From James Lyons, gravel.....	80	
From Matthew Toomey, gravel.....	40	
From Thomas Capers, gravel.....	50	
From C. H. Kelleher, pair horses, Steamer No. 1.....	100 00	
From C. H. Kelleher, on account of use of road roller and gravel.....	346 00	
From public property, sand and teaming...	2 25	
From sewer department, repairs on High street, etc.....	10 75	
	548 10	
From public property transferred.....	500 00	
		\$1048 10
Total appropriation and income.....		18,048 10
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....		1,064 27
		\$19,112 37

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Highways.

Charles M. Pritchard, one year's salary as superin- tendent to Dec. 1, 1897.....	\$1,200 00
Charles M. Pritchard, cash paid for sundry items.....	19 75
Maurice D. Broderick, one year's salary as driver.....	624 00
Albert E. Bray, one year's salary as driver.	624 00
Frank Annis, one year's salary as driver...	624 00
George W. Carter, one year's salary as driver.....	624 00

Amounts carried forward.....\$3,715 75 \$19112 37

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$3,715 75	\$19112 37
William H. Dow, one year's salary as driver	624 00	
Dennis J. Hale, one year's salary as driver	624 00	
Poor department, 21,544 lbs. hay.....	215 44	
F. M. McGlew, shoeing.....	23 50	
Estate D. B. Pierce, sundries.....	17 50	
Israel A. Morse, 11,650 lbs. hay and fees..	105 15	
Charles W. Blake, veterinary services.....	20 00	
M. H. Chase, sundries.....	53 85	
Smith & Goold, two dozen Dr. Gray' slotion	12 00	
Hale Knight, grain.....	179 67	
Moses H. Rolfe, grain.....	83 79	
John J. Kelley, shoeing.....	36 35	
McGlew Brothers, one four wheel cart and sundries.....	181 50	
M. O'Connell, shoeing and sundries.....	26 45	
John Ronan, use of team and 3,550 lbs. hay	73 85	
J. W. Doyle, shoeing and sundries.....	55 45	
Edgar Ross, shoeing and sundries.....	58 09	
T. F. O'Neil, crushed stone.....	5,233 59	
Fire department, six lengths of hose.....	80 00	
George A. Fogg, groceries.....	2 25	
Estate N. Varina, weighing stone.....	136 44	
John M. Chase, use of team and men.....	23 30	
George D. Brown, making six clubs and repairing pump.....	6 40	
S. H. Thurlow, hardware.....	6 66	
Henry A. Wilson, groceries.....	7 80	
James C. Colman, lumber and use of team.	41 60	
Owners of Plum Island, 100 tons of sand..	60 00	
Hermon Staples, stock and labor.....	18 02	
E. Perkins Lumber Co., stock, labor and teaming.....	60 44	
C. W. Dame, wharfage.....	10 00	

Amounts carried forward..... \$11,792 84 \$19112 37

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	<i>\$11,792 84</i>	<i>\$19112 37</i>
Mrs. Warren Dockum, gravel.....	4 35	
H. N. Marshall & Son, salt.....	3 14	
L. M. Hatch & Sons, stock and labor.....	8 83	
Karl Castelhun, sundries.....	1 03	
Charles D. Ruggles, stock and labor.....	10 80	
J. B. Moulton, use of teams and men.....	34 60	
F. H. Plumer, use of teams.....	38 00	
Jeremiah Duggan, use of team.....	15 60	
Philip Ennis, labor.....	3 40	
Jeremiah Kelleher, use of team.....	4 20	
Robert P. Morse, use of team.....	14 00	
James Lyons, use of team.....	12 00	
Jeremiah M. Haley, use of team.....	8 40	
George E. Daniels, repairs on wheel.....	4 25	
J. M. Greenough, use of barge.....	10 00	
Thomas P. Mackinney, hardware.....	9 97	
Charles S. Bartlett, use of team and men..	7 20	
Underhay Oil Co., oil and waste.....	13 50	
Edward Donahoe, sundry repairs.....	18 20	
F. E. Davis, stock and labor.....	4 80	
L. W. Coker, *paint, brooms, etc.....	18 09	
F. A. Silloway, sundries.....	24 89	
William K. Porter, one pair bay horses....	375 00	
A. A. Crabtree, expense of committee on horses in Lowell and Boston.....	13 75	
J. Gardner Little, 8,935 lbs. of hay.....	80 41	
J. Otis Winkley, 18,080 lbs of hay.....	163 22	
Boston & Maine Railroad freight on horses.	4 50	
C. R. Sargent, five lbs. waste.....	50	
Charles S. Lovejoy, four lanterns.....	2 00	
George H. Jaques, hardware.....	10 10	
J. P. Titcomb, professional services.....	27 20	
A. Russell & Son, labor and casting.....	3 18	

*Amounts carried forward.....**\$12,741 95**\$19112 37*

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$12,741 95	\$19112 37
N. C. Moody, stock and labor.....	12 33	
Charlotte M. Smith, 4,050 lbs. bedding and 3,860 lbs. hay.....	54 98	
F. K. Hubbard, horse medicine.....	2 00	
Soule, Dillingham & Co., one hard pan pick plow.....	26 00	
Albert Currier, 6,500 lbs. hay.....	58 50	
Humphrey Haley, use of team.....	27 00	
Cornelius H. Kelleher, 19 tons of sand and use of team.....	97 75	
Water supply, sprinkling streets for year 1897	191 88	
William H. Toppan, 2,000 bricks at \$7.50	15 00	
Joseph Woods, use of team.....	20 10	
Gowen Dockum, 25 tons stone.....	18 75	
Parker M. Lougee, stock and labor.....	11 50	
Jere Healey, 35,840 lbs. coal and 4 feet wood	88 72	
Benjamin Hale, gravel.....	6 80	
D. W. Piper, gravel.....	6 00	
Joseph Knight, 21,050 lbs. hay.....	189 45	
William B. Porter, use of teams and men..	26 50	
Orrin J. Gurney, 17,740 lbs. bedding and 4,130 lbs. hay.....	125 87	
Michael Phillips, sundry repairs.....	35	
Flori Donahoe, use of team.....	36 00	
George M. Warner, groceries.....	3 44	
Daniel Cashman, use of teams and men....	12 50	
Henry J. Noyes, cash paid for labor.....	5 50	
George E. Greeley, stock and labor.....	5 90	
Asa. T. Newhall, use of team.....	4 40	
Edward C. Johnson, use of teams and men	17 20	
Francis Buckley, labor....	96 70	
Thomas Hale, ".....	195 90	
Daniel Quill, ".....	185 80	

Amounts carried forward.....\$14,284 77 \$19112 37

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$14,284 77	\$19112 39
Joseph Marshall, labor	28 20		
Charles E. Allen, "	197 50		
Charles Bashaw, "	139 70		
Charles W. Jackman "	21 20		
John D. Foley, "	155 30		
Moses L. Chase, "	5 70		
George Collins, "	1 50		
John Moulton, "	1 00		
Charles Poor, "	16 00		
Owen Keefe, "	1 00		
Charles W. Lunt, "	2 00		
Mannasseh Merritt, "	80		
Joseph B. Gaddas, "	375 30		
Edward Powers, "	192 60		
Cornelius Kelleher, "	174 20		
George E. Pearson, "	273 60		
John Hale, "	86 00		
Daniel Cronan, "	81 80		
Daniel Creedon, "	2 30		
Maurice Corcoran, "	1 40		
Patrick Scully, "	48 40		
Edmund Ryan, "	101 90		
William H. Merritt, "	8 60		
Jeremiah M. Haley, "	3 00		
Humphrey Haley, "	5 00		
Dennis Lynch, "	5 80		
Thomas H. Currier, "	4 00		
Willard Walton, "	2 60		
Joseph Landon, "	1 50		
Jeremiah Toomey, "	84 20		
Cornelius Sullivan, "	145 20		
George Paul, "	246 40		
Cornelius Lynch, "	228 20		

Amounts carried forward.....\$16,926 67 \$19112 37

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$16,926 67	\$19112 37
John P. Leary, lobar	5 80		
Dennis Kelleher, "	99 00		
John Flannigan, "	2 10		
James Lyons, "	1 10		
Thomas Marshall, "	39 00		
Nelson Gayette, "	2 00		
Florence Donahoe, "	8 70		
Edgar B. Davis, "	11 40		
Charles W. Davis, "	15 70		
Thomas Ryan, "	145 20		
Jeremiah Sheehan, "	53 50		
Daniel Lucy, "	230 80		
John McDade, "	5 00		
Joseph Tanyon, "	2 00		
Thomas Sullivan, "	2 00		
Jeremiah Kelleher, "	2 00		
Frank Hudson, "	1 80		
David F. Dow, "	74 30		
James Welch, "	2 10		
Cornelius Sheehan, "	10 10		
John Pollard, "	193 10		
James Sidebotham, "	19 30		
Cornelius P. Kelleher, "	1 10		
Richard Connors, "	2 90		
Alexander Jackson, "	13 00		
Loring D. Eaton, "	2 00		
Noah Hainor, "	2 00		
Frederick McDonald, "	67 60		
Jeremiah Buckley, "	7 30		
Timothy Leary, "	2 00		
John Connors, "	7 10		
John Daley, "	4 00		
Jeremiah Welch, "	4 00		

Amounts carried forward.....\$17,965 67 \$19112 37

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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$17,965 67	\$19,112 37
Matthew Barrett, labor.....	144 00		
William Hanna, "	3 60		
William Griffith, "	1 70		
John P. Grovenor, "	3 80		
Timothy Sweeney, "	4 00		
William Reddy, "	2 80		
Daniel Casey, "	8 70		
James Kelleher, "	80		
Charles W. Thurlow "	4 80		
John Wayland, "	7 20		
John Clifford, "	67 80		
George Dixon, "	76 40		
William Jackson, "	1 40		
Christopher Morey, "	8 10		
Edward J. Lunt, "	15 20		
John Murphy, "	50		
Joseph White, "	1 80		
William D. Williams "	11 50		
E. F. Jackman, "	3 00		
Albert Hodgdon, "	3 80		
George W. Colman, "	1 70		
Nathan Massay, "	2 00		
William R. Chase, "	12 60		
E. E. Bartlett, "	4 40		
Peter Burns, "	1 00		
George Lord, "	3 60		
John Chase, "	3 40		
William T. Smith, "	4 00		
Richard Coffin, "	2 80		
Patrick Creedon, "	2 80		
John D. Murphy, "	1 10		
William Tatterfield, "	85 40		
George W. Wood, "	32 40		
Timothy Coffey, "	58 00		

Amounts carried forward.....\$18,551 77 \$19,112 37

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$18,551 77	\$19,112 37
Gilbert Bashaw, labor	8 20		
James Leonard, "	13 20		
Eugene Collins, "	11 60		
Patrick Russell, "	13 60		
George F. Carter, "	21 20		
William T. Tobin, "	9 60		
John Worthen, "	3 80		
Owen Keefe, "	8 40		
William S. Hurd, "	19 40		
Charles B. Crowell, "	2 00		
James H. Delano, "	2 00		
John Hadden, "	19 80		
Cephas Forman, "	14 90		
John P. Young, "	37 10		
Samuel Martin, "	69 60		
Timothy Manning, "	17 40		
Philip Crimmins, "	16 60		
Cornelius Lyons "	1 00		
John Carey, "	17 00		
Patrick Toomey, "	15 20		
Thomas Welch, "	6 30		
Joseph Christian, "	40		
Daniel Hallisey, "	55 80		
Louis Boutin, "	16 60		
Daniel Lynch, "	11 00		
Andrew Casey, "	8 00		
Allan McLean, "	31 30		
Daniel Buckley, "	35 40		
Dennis Duggan, "	26 60		
Timothy Moynihan, "	28 00		
William S. Rowell, "	9 00		
John Haley, "	8 20		
Joseph P. Richards, "	2 00		

\$19,112 37

INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation..... \$ 750 00

CREDITS.

From R. E. Burke, City Solicitor, money
 advanced for fees in 1896..... \$ 3 22
 " Newburyport Veteran Fire Association
 payment for book..... 3 25
 " N. E. Telephone Co., bill credited
 back..... 15 03
 " Boston Daily Advertiser, bill credited
 back..... 5 00
 " City Clerk, auctioneer's license..... 10 00
 " " pool license..... 26 00
 " " junk " 10 00
 " " pawn " 4 00
 " " circus " 50 00
 " " use of telephone..... 10
 " " fees for marriage licenses
 for 1897..... 57 00
 " City Clerk, for recording mortgages,
 etc. for 1897..... 42 00

\$225 60

From watering streets for 1897 transferred.. 37 18
 " Income account transferred..... 2,603 72

2,866 50

Total appropriation and income..... 3,616 50

Undrawn transfers:

Poor..... \$131 02
 Fire..... 2 44

Amounts carried forward..... \$133 46 \$3,616 50

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$133 46	\$3,616 50
Public Library (special).....	164 30	
Police.....	245 72	
Soldiers' Relief.....	300 10	
Water supply.....	664 50	
Printing.....	11 15	
Sewer (maintenance).....	77 23	
Military aid.....	3 77	
Abatements tax of 1895.....	64 79	
“ “ 1897.....	1,528 08	
		3,193 10
		6,809 60

Overdrawn transfers:

Schools.....	\$809 69	
Highways.....	1,064 27	
Public property.....	867 92	
Public library.....	419 68	
Lighting.....	224 69	
Salaries.....	120 09	
Bridges and Culverts.....	630 66	
Sidewalks.....	53 07	
Board of Health.....	133 54	
Ashes and rubbish.....	19 90	
Parks.....	7 47	
Interest.....	783 31	
Abatements tax of 1893.....	61 00	
“ “ 1894.....	335 31	
“ “ 1896.....	44 25	
		5,574 85
Transferred to water supply.....	\$1,000 00	1,234 75
“ Janvrin's landing.....	459 00	
“ fuel.....	283 17	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$1,742 17	\$1,234 75

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$1,742 17	\$1,234 75
Transferred to bridges and culverts.....	900 00	
	2,642 17	
Expenses as per statement below.....	4,158 47	
		6,800 64
Balance overdrawn for year 1897.....		\$5,565 89

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

JANUARY.

W. C. Cuseck, P. M., 2500 stamped envelopes and box rent.....	\$55 00
Frederick Tigh, return of births	7 00
C. C. Day, " " 	4 75
John Homer, " " 	13 75
Moses H. Sargent, sundries.....	2 00
Jackson Express Co., express.....	7 25
A. R. Andrews, one pencil pointer.....	3 50
Fred L. Butman, one ledger.....	8 25
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., use of telephone.....	95
American Express Co., express.....	60
Samuel Pearson, services at ward room....	7 00
J. M. Bailey, ringing bell.....	1 50
Chas. H. Lunt, services at ward room....	9 50
Wm. B. Porter, delivering and collecting ballot boxes.....	4 00
F. H. Rundlett, services at ward rooms...	5 90
Chas. H. Stanwood " " room....	6 00
A. W. Hopkinson, ringing bell.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$ 138 95

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$138 95
Moses E. Cook, services as warden.....		8 00
John C. Lang, " " clerk.....		8 00
Wm. B. Porter, " " inspector.....		8 00
Thos. Humphreys, " " "		8 00
Chas. C. Donnell, " " "		8 00
Frank E. Thurlow, " " "		8 00
Moses A. Stevens, " " deputy warden		2 50
Geo. P. Greenleaf, " " " clerk..		2 50
Moses Pettingell, " " " inspector		2 50
Joseph L. Thurlow, " " " "		2 50
Fred S. Goodwin, " " " "		2 50
John J. Putnam, " " " "		2 50
Isaac Poor, jr., " " warden.....		8 00
Albert A. Sargent " " clerk.....		8 00
Samuel J. Ford, " " inspector.....		8 00
Henry Downer, " " "		8 00
J. C. M. Blaisdell " " "		8 00
Daniel E. Tilton, " " "		8 00
Wm. H. Johnson, " " deputy warden		2 50
Aaron B. Adams, " " " clerk		2 50
Allen D. Pettingell, " " " inspector		2 50
John P. Young, " " " "		2 50
Oliver O. Jones, " " " "		2 50
William A. Nelson, " " " "		2 50
John C. Kimball, " " warden.....		8 00
Amos H. Geary, " " clerk.....		8 00
Joseph M. Toppan, " " inspector		8 00
Selwyn C. Reed, " " "		8 00
James P. Walsh, " " "		8 00
George A. Young, " " "		8 00
John S. Pike, " " deputy warden		2 50
William Balch, " " " clerk		2 50
Chas. F. Tuttle, " " " inspector		2 50

Amount carried forward.....\$ 320 45

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$ 320 45
Geo. W. Mansur, services as deputy inspector		2 50
Wm. J. Creasey, " " warden		8 00
Jos. L. Johnson, " " clerk		8 00
Chas. A. Stockman, " " inspector.....		8 00
J. Warren Frost, " " "		8 00
Charles H. Allen, " " "		8 00
Michael O'Connell, " " "		8 00
Edwin Currier, " " deputy warden.		2 50
William H. Welch, " " clerk...		2 50
Edgar S. C. Tyler, " " " inspector		2 50
Sam E. Sargent, " " " " "		2 50
John B. Brookings, " " " " "		2 50
James E. Mannix, " " " " "		2 50
George A. Pearson " " warden.....		8 00
Wm. H. P. Howard " " clerk.....		8 00
H. D. Follansbee, " " inspector.....		8 00
Robert H. Waters, " " "		8 00
John J. Creeden, " " "		8 00
Gilbert A. Noyes, " " "		8 00
Frank E. Davis, " " deputy clerk...		2 50
James F. Murphy, " " " inspector		2 50
Fred E. Stanton, " " " " "		2 50
Thomas W. Cogger " " " " "		2 50
Edward S. Stickney " " " " "		2 50
Joshua L. Chase, " " warden.		8 00
Wm. G. Somerby, " " clerk.....		8 00
George B. Hicken, " " inspector.....		8 00
Alfred D. Merrill, " " "		8 00
George A. Coffin, " " "		8 00
John L. Lewis, " " "		8 00
John M. Chase, " " deputy warden.		2 50
Elmer H. Whitmore " " " clerk		2 50
Benj. F. Stanley, " " " " inspector.		2 50
E. F. Jackman, " " " " " .		2 50

Amount carried forward..... \$504 45

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$504 45
Geo. L. Jackman, services as deputy inspector	2 50
Elmer E. Towne, " " " " .	2 50

\$509 45

FEBRUARY.

George W. McKay, one year's salary as harbor master.....	\$ 100 00
Hill's livery, horse hire.....	2 00
Telephone Co., rental and use of telephone	19 12
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, postage stamps.	10 00
Corlies, Macy & Co., record books.....	3 85
Boston & Maine railroad, mileage.....	20 00
F. A. Howe, return of births.....	2 00
T. Harrington, " " deaths.....	17 25
Ernest H. Noyes, " " births.....	3 00
Chas. F. Johnson " " "	4 00
W. W. Pillsbury, " " "	4 75
John Homer, " " "	3 25
C. C. Day, " " "	1 50
Geo. W. Worcester, return of births.....	6 50
Banks & Brothers, one law book.....	6 00

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MARCH.

George W. Knight, expenses attending the quarantine of condemned animals.....	\$ 10 00
John F. Young, return of births.....	2 50
E. P. Hurd, " "	2 50
Henry M. Meek, one marriage intention book.....	3 50
Western Union Telegraph Co., time service	
City Hall clock and telegrams.....	3 50

Amounts carried forward..... \$22 00 \$ 712 67

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 22 00	\$712 67
Newburyport Herald Co., printing.....	3 00	
J. P. Titcomb, professional services.....	4 20	
Corlies, Macy & Co., record books.....	8 00	
J. M. Bailey, ringing bell.....	2 00	
Jas. E. Kimball, " "	2 00	
F. H. Rundlett, " "	2 00	
A. R. Curtis, expenses to Merrimac on Has-		
kell case.....	80	
Benjamin P. Ireland, expenses in Boston in-		
terviewing Boston & Maine officials...	1 00	
		\$45 00

APRIL.

News Publishing Co., printing revised		
charters.....	\$ 15 00	
Chas. E. Ash, services at ward room and		
sundries.....	15 85	
E. J. Batchelder, ringing bell.....	4 00	
Henry Bell, " "	2 00	
Albert W. Hopkinson, ringing bell.....	2 00	
James W. Fennimore, " "	2 00	
L. Griffin, renewing batteries for illumi-		
nated clock.....	2 00	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing.....	4 50	
Henry J. Noyes, expenses to Boston on		
State Highway Commission.....	2 00	
American Express Co., express.....	59	
Telephone Co., use of telephone.....	30	
J. V. Felker, Treas., cash paid for mani-		
fold paper.....	50	
W. C. Cuseck, P. M., postage and box rent	15 50	
A. C. Nason, examination of plaintiffs in		
two court cases.....	45 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$111 24	\$757 67

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$111 24	\$757 67
John F. Young, examination of plaintiff in court case.....	10 00	
George H. Stevens, cash paid for collection of births.....	33 20	
		\$154 44

MAY.

Esther E. Wood, services rendered as stenographer.....	\$5 00	
W. C. Cuseck, P. M., postage.....	20 00	
Western Union Telegraph Co., time service City Hall clock.....	3 00	
J. B. M. Dickins, return of births.....	25 00	
Committee on Water Supply, mileage to Lynn.....	5 50	
Whitten & Cass, 50 property blanks.....	1 25	
Fred L. Butman, tax books.....	23 00	
Telephone Co., use and rental of telephones	34 15	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., mileage....	20 00	
Mayor and president of council, expense in Haverhill at funeral Mayor Brickett...	1 50	
Board of Trade, one-half expense in entertaining Legislative committee on State Highway.....	10 50	
		\$148 90

JUNE.

John F. Gardiner, one months services as keeper of lockup.....	\$16 67	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., mileage....	20 00	
J. M. Greenough, horse hire.....	1 50	
J. V. Felker, Treas., cash paid for blue book of year 1890 for office.....	75	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$ 38 92	\$1,061 01

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 38 92	\$1,061 01
American Express Co., express.....	65	
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising.....	30 00	
P. B. Murphy, 500 dog license blanks.....	2 50	
James J. Healey, return of births.....	18 00	
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, postage.....	6 75	
Thomas H. Hoyt, attorney for sale of land on Winter street.....	100 00	
		\$196 82

JULY.

Thomas Marshall, labor on trees.....	\$ 9 00	
John Pollard " "	1 20	
Timothy Coffey, " "	1 20	
John F. Gardiner, one month's service as keeper of lockup.....	16 67	
George H. Stevens, cash paid for pens for use of different departments.....	7 00	
George W. Knight, horse hire	1 00	
American Express Co., express.....	45	
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, postage and box rent.....	2 50	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., mileage....	9 00	
George H. Pearson, sundries.....	51 35	
Corlies, Macey & Co., one pay roll book...	13 75	
Telephone Co., use of telephone.....	70	
Samuel Pearson, services at ward room...	1 50	
		\$115 32

AUGUST.

John Pollard, labor on trees.....	\$ 1 80	
David F. Dow, " "	1 00	
Charles Bashaw, " "	60	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$ 3 40	\$1,373 15

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 3 40	\$1,373 15
Geo. E. Pearson, labor on trees.....	40	
Thomas Marshall, " "	6 00	
Philip Crimmins, " "	9 00	
Thomas Hale, " "	3 40	
Matthew Barrett, " "	60	
Joseph B. Gaddas " "	1 20	
Daniel Lucy, " "	1 20	
Samuel Martin, " "	1 20	
Charles E. Allen, " "	1 20	
John F. Gardiner, services as keeper of lockup and sundries.....	17 67	
James C. Colman, cement and teaming in connection with fountain on High St..	14 30	
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising.....	27 75	
Charles F. Badger, for material for firing salute on July 5.....	22 50	
Telephone Co., rental and use of telephone	20 12	
John Connors, ringing bell.....	2 00	
Hunt Publishing Co., for printing poll tax lists.....	98 00	

\$229 94

SEPTEMBER.

Thomas Marshall, labor on trees.....	\$ 11 50
Joseph B. Gaddas, " "	1 20
Daniel Lucy, " "	1 20
Jeremiah Toomey, " "	1 00
John F. Gardiner, services as keeper of lockup and sundries.....	17 67
Pearl S. Bradford, labor and supplies.....	21 15
A. Russell & Son, man hole cover.....	3 00
F. Curtis, connecting Merrill fountain with sewer.....	20 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$ 76 72 \$1,603 09

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 76 72	\$1,603 09
Thomas P. Mackinney, four tree guards...	4 00	
George H. Stevens, cash paid for one copy of Massachusetts year book and six gross pens.....	7 50	
Estate Joseph C. Lunt, return of deaths...	22 50	
Charles H. Lunt, return of deaths.....	8 75	
Anna Jaques Hospital, use of one bed from Aug. 1, 1897, to Aug. 1, 1898.....	300 00	
A. Russell & Son, one man hole cover....	3 00	
F. A. Blanchard Co., two Massachusetts year books.....	3 00	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., mileage....	20 00	
F. H. Rundlett, distributing tax bills.....	50 00	
Telephone Co., use of telephone.....	90	
Western Union Telegraph Co., time service City Hall clock.....	3 00	
American Express Co., express.....	1 25	
Boston Daily Advertiser, advertising.....	5 00	
George W. Langdon, professional services.	26 00	
South End Gun Club, damage to property.	25 00	

\$556 62

OCTOBER.

Thomas Marshall, labor on trees.....	\$ 7 60	
Joseph H. Currier, labor on fountain at Toppan street.....	19 25	
J. Littlefield & Son, stone, labor and team- ing for Merrill fountain.....	30 26	
John F. Gardiner, services as keeper of lockup.....	16 67	
Albert Hodgdon, services at ward room...	2 00	
Moses H. Sargent, sundries.....	4 10	
Telephone Co., use of telephone.....	1 25	

Amounts carried forward..... \$81 13 \$2,159 71

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$ 81 13	\$2,159 71
J. V. Felker, collector's allowance on S. P.		
Choate tax for year 1895.....	1 80	
Ernest H. Noyes, return of births.....	2 75	
Boston Daily Advertiser, advertising.....	5 00	
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, box rent.....	50	
Leonard W. Sargent, for lot of land on For-		
rester street.....	250 00	
Mary W. Currier, guardian, for lot of land		
on Ashland street.....	300 00	
		\$641 18

NOVEMBER.

John F. Gardiner, services as keeper of		
lockup....	\$16 67	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., mileage....	20 00	
Charles H. Lunt, services at ward room...	3 00	
Herman Staples, pasting and cleaning check		
lists.....	1 50	
Telephone Company, rental and use of tele-		
phones.....	19 37	
American Express Co., express.....	15	
N. N. Jones, attorney, settlement of claim		
of S. C. Manning.....	250 00	
John Pollard, labor.....	80	
		\$311 49

DECEMBER.

John F. Gardiner, services as keeper of lock-		
up.....	\$ 16 67	
News Publishing Company, printing check		
lists, tally sheets and advertising elec-		
tions.....	153 65	

Amounts carried forward.....\$ 170 32 \$3,112 38

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$170 32	\$3,112 38
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising elections and registration of voters.....	49 10	
George W. Knight, horse hire and quarantine of cattle.....	5 00	
W. W. Pillsbury, professional services on Toomey case.....	5 00	
John Homer, professional service on Toomey case.....	75 00	
Frank E. Davis, services at court on Toomey case.....	6 00	
A. C. Nason, professional services on Toomey case.....	85 00	
John F. Young, professional services on Toomey case.....	75 00	
C. W. A. Davis, services at court on Toomey case.....	10 50	
Hill's livery, hack hire on Toomey case....	5 00	
Charles H. Ordway, horse hire.....	3 50	
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, postage and 2,500 stamped envelopes.....	59 50	
Samuel H. Safford, return of deaths.....	16 50	
Telephone Co., use of telephone.....	30	
Corlies, Macy & Co., books.....	12 50	
J. M. Greenough, horse hire.....	3 50	
Hills Livery, horse hire.....	10 00	
Mrs. H. P. Fowle, Boston papers.....	17 20	
George H. Stevens, expenses to Boston and bottle of ink.....	2 22	
Western Union Telegraph Co., time service of City Hall clock.....	3 00	
Moses E. Cook, services as warden.....	8 00	
John C. Lang, " " clerk.....	8 00	
Chas. C. Donnell, " " inspector.....	8 00	

Amounts carried forward.....\$638 14 \$3,112 38

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$ 638 14 \$3,112 38
Frank E. Thurlow, services as inspector...	8 00	
Wm. B. Porter, " " "	8 00	
Thomas Humphreys, " " "	8 00	
Moses A. Stevens, " " deputy warden	2 50	
Geo. P. Greenleaf, services as deputy clerk	2 50	
Moses Pettingell, " " " inspector	2 50	
Joseph L. Thurlow, " " " " "	2 50	
John J. Putnam, " " " " "	2 50	
Chas. W. Thurlow jr., " " " " "	2 50	
Isaac Poor, jr., " " warden.....	8 00	
Albert A. Sargent, " " clerk.....	8 00	
Sam'l J. Ford, " " inspector.....	8 00	
Greenleaf A. Johnson, services as inspector	8 00	
John C. M. Blaisdell, " " " "	8 00	
Daniel G. Tilton, " " " "	8 00	
Wm. H. Johnson, services as deputy warden	2 50	
Aaron B. Adams, " " " clerk..	2 50	
Allen D. Pettingell, " " " inspector	2 50	
John P. Young, " " " " "	2 50	
John J. McGlew, " " " " "	2 50	
W. Warren Hutchins, " " " " "	2 50	
John S. Pike, " " warden.....	8 00	
Amos H. Geary, " " clerk.....	8 00	
James P. Walsh, " " inspector	8 00	
Selwyn C. Reed, " " "	8 00	
George A. Young, " " "	8 00	
Bernard W. Barrett, " " "	8 00	
William Balch, " " deputy clerk	2 50	
Chas. F. Tuttle, " " " inspector	2 50	
Geo. Ray Sargent, " " " " "	2 50	
Edw. Sexton, " " " " "	2 50	
Geo. L. Richardson, " " " " "	2 50	
Wm. J. Creasey, " " warden....	8 00	

Amounts carried forward.....\$ 808 64 \$3,112 38

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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$808,64	\$3,112 38
Joseph L. Johnson, services as clerk		8 00	
Edgar S. C. Tyler, " " inspector....		8 00	
Chas A. Stockman, " " "		8 00	
Chas. H. Allen, " " "		8 00	
James Mannix, " " inspector....		8 00	
Edwin Currier, " " deputy warden		2 50	
Wm. H. Welch, " " " clerk		2 50	
Sam E. Sargent, " " " inspector		2 50	
John B. Brookings, " " " "		2 50	
John E. Batchelder, " " " "		2 50	
George A. Pearson, " " warden		8 00	
Wm. H. P. Howard, " " clerk.		8 00	
John J. Creedon, " " inspector....		8 00	
Henry D. Follansbee, " " inspector		8 00	
James F. Murphy, " " "		8 00	
Thomas W. Cogger, " " "		8 00	
George E. Ross, " " deputy warden		2 50	
Frank E. Davis, " " " clerk		2 50	
Gilbert A. Noyes, " " " inspector		2 50	
Fred E. Stanton, " " " "		2 50	
Daniel D. Harrington, " " " "		2 50	
Edward S. Stickney, " " " "		2 50	
Joshua L. Chase, " " warden.....		8 00	
William G. Somerby, " " clerk.....		8 00	
George A. Coffin, " " inspector....		8 00	
Frank B. Ives, " " "		8 00	
Alfred D. Merrill, " " "		8 00	
John L. Lewis, " " "		8 00	
John M. Chase, " " deputy warden		2 50	
Elmer H. Whitmore " " " clerk....		2 50	
George B. Hicken, " " " inspector		2 50	
Thos. A. Holsgrove, " " " "		2 50	
Albert W. Hopkinson " " " "		2 50	

Amounts carried forward..... \$984 64 \$3,112 38

<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$984 64	\$3,112 38
Wm. B. Coffin, services as deputy inspector	2 50	
Samuel Pearson, " at ward room.....	8 00	
F. H. Rundlett, " " "	6 95	
Albert Hodgdon, " " "	6 00	
W. C. Cuseck, postmaster, postage.....	10 00	
Charles E. Allen, labor.....	2 00	
John Pollard, labor.....	1 00	
Edward O'Connor, settlement of claim....	25 00	
		<u>1,046 09</u>
		<u>\$4,158 47</u>

INTEREST DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....\$17,000 00

CREDITS.

From overdue taxes.....	\$2,340 10	
From First National Bank (deposits).....	835 24	
From Boston & Maine stock (dividends)..<	2,466 00	
		<u>5,641 34</u>
Total appropriation and income.....		\$22,641 34
Amount overdrawn transferred from inci-		
dentials to balance account.....		<u>783 31</u>
		23,424 65

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Finance.

One year Sawyer fund.....	\$	225	00
“ “ Simpson fund.....		900	00
“ “ Dexter fund.....		90	00
“ “ Green fund.....		80	00
“ “ Frothingham fund.....		40	00
“ “ A. Williams fund.....		40	00
“ “ Brown fund....		675	00
“ “ Toppan fund.....		10	00
“ “ Atwood fund.....		472	50
“ “ Todd fund.....		400	00
“ “ W. O. Moseley fund.....		400	00
“ “ Registered bonds \$42,500.....		1,700	00
“ “ Armory loan \$12,200.....		422	60
“ “ School loan \$7,500.....		300	00
“ “ Note ten year loan \$15,000.....		600	00
“ “ Note \$4000.....		150	00
12 mos. 1 day, Note \$71,661 63.....		2,874	31
12 “ “ 9,000 00		360	00
12 “ “ 9,000 00		337	50
11 “ 24 days, “ 5,000 00		196	11
12 “ “ 1,000 00		40	00
11 “ 29 days, “ 4,000 00		149	55
11 “ 29 “ “ 2,000 00		79	80
2 “ “ 10,000 00		66	67
12 “ “ 1,467 73		56	86
24 “ 24 days, “ 1,000 00		77	50
9 “ “ 50,000 00		1,256	25
3 “ “ 20,000 00		145	00
Coupons.....		11,280	00

\$23,424 65

JANVRIN'S LANDING.

Appropriation.....\$ 600 00

CREDITS.

Transfer from incidentals..... 459 00

Total appropriation and income.....\$1,059 00

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

L. M. Hatch & Son, building Janvrin's
landing as per contract.....\$ 788 00

L. M. Hatch & Son, filling in Janvrin's
landing as per contract..... 225 00

Jerry Kelleher, tarring timbers..... 1 00

John E. Bailey, making plans and speci-
fications, laying out landing and super-
intending construction..... 45 00

\$1,059 00

LIGHTING STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Appropriation.....\$12,500 00

CREDITS.

From sale of lanterns and lamp posts..... 21 00

Total appropriation and income..... 12,521 00

Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to
balance account..... 224 69

\$12,745 69

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Lighting.

Newburyport Gas & Electric Co., lighting
streets and public buildings...\$ 12,649 43

Dexter W. Nutting, care public library
lights..... 3 00

F. E. Cutter & Co., setting glass in
lantern at park..... 75

Safford & Lunt, light, mantles and
chimneys..... 17 05

H. H. Landford, 7 electric burners and
connecting same..... 25 00

F. H. Rundlett, care City Hall lights.. 10 00

Hill's livery, use of hacks..... 15 00

F. E. Davis, stock and labor..... 16 96

Newburyport Gas & Electric Company,
one switch at public library and re-
locating light on Hill street..... 8 50

\$12,745 69

APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For lighting streets and public buildings ending Dec. 18, 1897.

	Cubic feet gas.	Cost.
Lighting City Hall.....	276,400	\$525 16
“ Market Hall.....	112,400	213 56
“ Central fire station...	119,100	226 29
“ Public library.....	165,900	315 21
“ Putnam school.....	9,200	17 48
“ Armory building.....	171,300	325 47
“ Engine house No. 2..	31,900	60 61
“ “ “ “ 3..	40,800	77 52
“ “ “ “ 8..	10,100	19 19
“ Temple street school	4,900	9 31
“ Kelley school.....	900	1 71
	942,900	\$1,791 51

Cost of street lights, 144 arcs, five incandescents and lanterns at public library and City Hall.....

	\$10,857 92
D. W. Nutting.....	3 00
F. E. Cutter & Co.....	75
Safford & Lunt.....	17 05
H. H. Landford.....	25 00
F. H. Rundlett.....	10 00
Hill's livery.....	15 00
F. E. Davis.....	16 96
Newburyport Gas & Electric Co.....	8 50

10,954 18

\$12,745 69

There are 144 arc lights and five incandescent lights in the city streets.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation\$150 00

EXPENDITURES.

Thomas E. Cutter, for Grand Army Post.....150 00

NOTES PAYABLE.

Amount outstanding Dec. 19, 1896.....\$233,579 36

Notes issued in 1897, as follows:

No. 556, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... \$ 4,000 00

No. 557, order E. P. Shaw, state treas-
urer, 3 35-100%..... 50,000 00

No. 558, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... 9,000 00

No. 559, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... 9,000 00

No. 560, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... 7,500 00

No. 561, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... 1,000 00

No. 562, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 4%..... 7,000 00

No. 563, order A. W. Greenleaf,
trustee, 4%..... 1,467 73

No. 564, order J. V. Felker, city
treasurer, 3¾%..... 1,000 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$89,967 73 \$233,579 36

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$89,967 73	\$233,579 36
No. 565, order Institution for Savings, city, 3½ %.....	71,661 63	
No. 566, order E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, 2 9-10 %.....	20,000 00	
No. 567, order E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, 3 %.....	20,000 00	
No. 568, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer, 2 89-100 %.....	16,000 00	
No. 569, order Sinking Fund Com- missioners, city, 3 %.....	895 00	

218,524 36

452,103 72

Appropriation..... 3,500 00

Notes paid during 1897, as follows:

No. 521, order J. V. Felker city treasurer.....	\$ 1,000 00	
No. 527, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	2,000 00	
No. 532, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	4,000 00	
No. 533, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	9,000 00	
No. 535, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	9,000 00	
No. 537, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	5,000 00	
No. 538, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	1,000 00	
No. 540, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	4,000 00	
No. 541, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	2,000 00	

Amounts carried forward..... \$37,000 00 \$455,603 72

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$37,000 00	\$455,603 72
No. 543, order A. W. Greenleaf, trustee.....	1,467 73	
No. 548, order Institution for Savings city.....	71,661 63	
No. 549, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	1,500 00	
No. 555, order J. V. Felker, city treasurer.....	10,000 00	
No. 557, order E. P. Shaw, state treasurer.....	50,000 00	
No. 566, order E. P. Shaw, state treasurer.....	20,000 00	
	\$191,629 36	
Transferred to Armory and New School accounts.....	3,500 00	
		195,129 36
Amount outstanding Dec. 18, 1897..		<u>\$260,474 36</u>

PARKS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.

Appropriation.....	\$850 00	
CREDITS.		
From City Clerk, rental of Riverside Park.....	26 00	
Total appropriation and income.....	876 00	
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to bal- ance account.....	7 47	
		\$883 47

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Park Commissioners.

Daniel W. Cate, labor on Mall and Brown Square.....	\$ 281 60
John W. Walker, stock and labor setting glass.....	28 86
E. Perkins Lumber Co., stock, labor and teaming.....	1 60
A. Russell & Son., labor and castings.....	2 19
John E. Bailey, repairing seats.....	6 60
James C. Colman, trucking.....	75
M. H. Rolfe, lawn grass seed.....	85
S. H. Thurlow, hardware.....	1 14
March's Cheap Cash Store, salt.....	1 80
F. E. Davis, sundry repairs.....	8 15
Water supply, sprinkling streets for year 1897.....	81 18
Thomas P. Mackinney, hardware.....	1 35
John Hale, labor.....	21 00
Frank Buckley, ".....	9 00
Daniel Creeden, ".....	4 10
Frederick McDonald, ".....	3 00
Cornelius Sheehan, ".....	6 20
Edward Powers, ".....	2 00
Dennis Kelleher, ".....	2 00
David F. Dow, ".....	60
Charles E. Allen, ".....	3 00
Thomas Hale, ".....	6 40
George Pearson, ".....	40
Joseph B. Gaddas, ".....	80
Daniel Cronan, ".....	2 40
Thomas Marshall, ".....	1 30
Cornelius Sullivan, ".....	2 00
John Pollard, ".....	3 20
Transferred to Atkinson Common.....	400 00

\$883 47

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....\$12,500 00

CREDITS.

From E. F. Bartlett, clerk of police court, fines one year to Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$ 387 43
From C. L. Ayers, deputy sheriff, fines one year to Oct. 1, 1897.....	166 40
From Charles W. Morrill, deputy sheriff, fines.....	25 00
From F. H. Plumer, witness fees.....	1 80

580 63

Total appropriation and income.....\$13,080 63

Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals
to balance account.....245 72

\$12,834 91

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Committee on Police.

John W. Gardiner, services as city mar- shal....	\$ 887 11
Patrick Creedon, services as captain of the watch.....	900 27
Simon E. Wilson, services as patrolman	842 87
William Gillis, " "	823 24
Lemuel Hicken, " "	814 50
Frank L. Lattime, " "	865 79
George W. Lattime, " "	812 25
John L. McLean, " "	819 00
James W. Merritt, " "	814 50

Amounts carried forward.....\$7,579 53 \$12,834 91

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>			\$7,579 53	\$12,834 91
William H. Pike, services as patrolman			780 75	
Joseph H. Post,	"	"	812 25	
Henry C. Tate,	"	"	819 00	
Charles W. Wells,	"	"	805 35	
Seth Young,	"	"	803 25	
William E. Young,	"	"	810 00	
George J. Ross,	"	special patrolman	127 13	
John F. Murphey,	"	"	7 31	
Moses P. Towne,	"	"	2 25	
Elmer E. Towne,	"	"	12 38	
James H. Hennessey,	"	"	2 25	
Daniel W. Cate,	"	"	4 50	
Charles H. M. Bartlett,	"	"	2 25	
March's Cheap Cash Store groceries,....			74 69	
Mrs. Fenders, washing towels.....			6 00	
New York Biscuit Company, pilot bread			32 97	
M. H. Sargent, supplies.....			12 05	
Irving K. Wells, milk.....			14 30	
Karl Castelhun, sundries.....			2 40	
J. N. Frost, ice.....			7 50	
New England Telephone Co., use and rental of telephone.....			78 15	
J. M. Greenough, horse hire.....			6 75	
Mrs. Hewitt, room and board.....			75	
J. W. Doyle, horse hire.....			14 00	
Henry Briggs, horse hire.....			50	
Charles C. Stockman, one mattress.....			2 25	
George H. Plumer, dry goods.....			1 40	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising.....			8 50	
Simeon E. Pilling, professional services			2 50	
Hill's livery, hacking.....			1 00	
W. C. Thompson, photographing prisoner.....			1 00	

\$12,834 91

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....\$18,500 00

CREDITS.

Cash from city of Boston.....	\$ 143 28	
“ “ Salem.....	287 10	
“ “ Taunton.....	107 25	
“ “ Haverhill.....	205 25	
“ “ Lowell.....	75 65	
“ “ Brockton.....	306 05	
“ “ Malden.....	18 00	
“ town of Amesbury.....	268 60	
“ “ Merrimac.....	105 75	
“ “ Truro.....	20 25	
“ “ Georgetown.....	138 00	
“ “ Salisbury.....	365 68	
“ “ Avon.....	38 00	
“ “ Mansfield.....	12 43	
“ “ Newbury.....	13 50	
“ “ Norwood.....	1 80	
“ “ Lynnfield Centre....	38 25	
“ W. H. Bayley, clerk, returned aid.....	957 69	
Cash from sundry persons for board.....	1,269 84	
“ sale of produce.....	185 87	
“ “ barrels.....	29 30	
“ “ hay.....	215 44	
“ “ ice.....	50 00	
“ State of Massachusetts trans- portation, support and burial of state paupers.....	134 65	
	4,987 63	
<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>		
	\$4,987 63	\$18,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$4,987 63	\$18,500 00
Less amount of soldiers' relief.....	847 69	
		<u>\$4,139 94</u>
Total appropriation and income.....	22,639 94	
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....		131 02
		<u>\$22,508 92</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Overseers of the Poor.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of sun- dry persons.....	\$3,453 72	
Worcester lunatic hospital, board of sun- dry persons.....	343 10	
Worcester insane asylum, board of sun- dry persons.....	296 21	
Medfield insane asylum, board of sundry persons.....	1,151 20	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of sundry persons.....	1,334 32	
Massachusetts school for the feeble mind- ed, board for Sunday persons.....	202 95	
Westborough insane hospital, board of sundry persons.....	22 86	
Mrs. Alfred Parkman, board of sundry persons.....	169 46	
City of Chelsea, aid rendered sundry per- sons.....	4 00	
City of Haverhill, aid rendered sundry persons.....	30 14	
City of Salem, aid rendered sundry per- sons.....	37 67	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$7,045 63	\$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$7,045 63	\$22,508 92
City of Boston, aid rendered sundry persons.....	277 37	
City of Lynn, aid rendered sundry persons	100 50	
City of Cambridge, aid rendered sundry persons.....	13 35	
City of Somerville, aid rendered sundry persons.....	3 00	
City of Lowell, aid rendered sundry persons.....	37 60	
City of Brockton, aid rendered sundry persons.....	5 05	
City of Everett, aid rendered sundry persons.....	16 65	
Town of Merrimac, aid rendered sundry persons.....	82 65	
Town of Amesbury, aid rendered sundry persons.....	141 41	
Town of Hyde Park, aid rendered sundry persons.....	183 25	
Town of Rowley, aid rendered sundry persons.....	247 69	
Town of Methuen, aid rendered sundry persons.....	24 13	
Wm. H. Bayley, clerk, aid rendered sundry persons....	1,354 10	
Wm. H. Bayley, one year's salary as clerk of overseers of poor.....	850 08	
C. W. Nelson and wife, one year's salary as superintendent and matron of alms house.....	720 00	
C. W. Nelson, cash paid for sundries....	905 70	
Lyman W. Lord, one year's salary as teamster at almshouse.....	624 00	

Amounts carried forward.....\$12,632 16 \$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$12,632 16	\$22,508 92
B. S. Richardson, one year's salary as cook at almshouse.....	360 00	
John H. Page, board of poor person.....	48 00	
Small & Jones, coffee.....	40 87	
Bessie Crockett, services as nurse.....	9 00	
Newburyport Herald Co., one year's de- livery of Morning Herald.....	4 00	
George H. McLaren, provisions.....	11 12	
Lucy Henry, rent of house.....	15 00	
Bridget Coomey, board of poor person...	16 00	
M. H. Fowler, groceries.....	92 95	
Chase & Lunt, rent of house.....	25 00	
Lyon, Clement & Greenleaf, 250 bbls. flour.....	1,100 00	
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., freight on flour....	100 00	
Union Cash Market, provisions.....	4 00	
Fisher & Co., dry goods.....	106 08	
P. C. Stevens, groceries.....	177 00	
Atkinson Coal Co., 11,200 lbs. coal.....	25 00	
George M. Roaf, provisions.....	234 18	
Peter Cusack, boots, shoes, and burial of poor person.....	70 95	
John F. Nickerson Co., groceries.....	506 48	
Anna Jaques Hospital, board, medical attendance and nursing.....	113 43	
George W. Colman, dressing hogs and smoking hams.....	9 50	
H. N. Marshall & Son, potatoes and salt	198 65	
B. S. Snow & Co., 1,000 lbs. pollock...	25 00	
A. P. Questrom, rent of house.....	55 00	
F. E. Cutter, paint, oil and glass.....	19 40	
T. W. Scriven, provisions.....	42 26	

Amounts carried forward.....\$16,041 03 \$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$16,041 03	\$22,508 92
Mrs. C. W. Farrell, services as nurse.....	15 00	
R. S. Tibbetts, pastry.....	4 90	
George M. Warner, groceries.....	38 08	
Charles W. Blake, veterinary services...	10 00	
J. C. Lunt & Co., burial of poor persons	39 00	
Thomas Noyes & Sons, groceries.....	19 00	
Frank Janvrin, fish.....	10 00	
Joseph M. Tappan, services attending de- livery of coal.....	7 00	
Franklin W. Dorr, rent of house.....	30 00	
John Graham & Son, provisions.....	3 66	
Moses A. Stevens, groceries.....	215 85	
Mrs. J. E. Mannix, sundries.....	2 88	
Chas. R. Sargent, stock and labor, at alms- house.....	13 66	
Merrimac Clothing Co., clothing.....	45 75	
Portland Rendering Co., 25 boxes soap..	62 50	
S. E. Kimball, groceries.....	38 93	
Margaret Moynihan, rent of house.....	52 45	
Nathaniel Pierce, rent of house.....	43 75	
Florence Donahoe, milk and rent of house	77 78	
Mrs. Sheehan, labor at almshouse.....	6 75	
Stephen P. Bray, 1,500 lbs. coal and 2 ft. wood.....	6 05	
J. C. Rolfe, milk.....	11 40	
D. Collins, jr., boots and shoes.....	45 55	
John S. Pike, boots and shoes.....	46 45	
Wm. W. Coffin, boots and shoes.....	31 50	
Fowle, Hibbard & Co., groceries.....	123 19	
H. A. Knapp, milk.....	16 95	
W. G. Merrill, provisions.....	125 39	
Rufus Thurlow, fish.....	49 00	
John P. Squire & Co., pork.....	173 75	

Amounts carried forward..... \$17,407 20 \$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>	\$17,407 20	\$22,508 92
Lucy Henry, rent of house.....	7 50	
Newburyport One Price Clothing Co., two suits and two pair hose.....	5 50	
William A. Little, boots and shoes.....	16 92	
Rufus Adams, stock and labor at alms- house and board of poor person.....	85 56	
Lizzie Farrell, labor at almshouse.....	30 00	
Norfolk Manufacturing Co., soap.....	12 90	
Pike & Elliott, burial of poor persons....	45 50	
Elizabeth Farfield, services as nurse.....	12 00	
Joseph Hudson, one bed lounge.....	6 00	
Mary A. Cronan, services as nurse.....	91 00	
James H. Noyes, groceries.....	1 50	
Brewster Bros., premium on insurance policy.....	27 50	
Edw. Donahoe, stock and labor.....	61 73	
Porter, Rogers & Co., clothing.....	6 00	
Wm. P. Coffin, hay.....	25 16	
S. H. Safford, burial of poor person.....	14 50	
T. O'Connell, dry goods.....	4 59	
Geo. H. Plumer, milk.....	9 05	
H. R. Weitzel, burial of poor persons...	102 50	
Geo. H. Plumer, dry goods.....	9 38	
M. H. Rolfe, grain.....	290 23	
United States Baking Co., crackers.....	4 27	
John P. Balch, boots and shoes.....	31 55	
E. N. Follansbee, groceries.....	38 00	
New York Biscuit Co., crackers.....	112 62	
A. F. Ross & Co., groceries.....	274 60	
D. W. Dockum, milk.....	22 10	
C. M. Lunt & Sons, milk.....	15 30	
Mary Pierce, services as nurse.....	22 00	
Otis F. Bohaker, rent of house.....	63 00	

Amounts carried forward....\$18,855 66 \$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$18,855 66	\$22,508 92
Wm. Holker, boilers, grates, etc.,.....	12 75	
John Morrison, board of poor person....	48 00	
Telephone Co., use and rental of tele- phones.....	141 02	
A. E. Moylan, boots and shoes.....	21 70	
T. J. Welch, boots and shoes.....	20 80	
Standard Oil Co., oil.....	18 00	
L. F. Barton, boots and shoes.....	80 60	
T. Harrington, burial of poor person....	68 50	
C. C. Day, medicine.....	350 00	
C. C. Day, services as city physician....	376 98	
Dennis Lynch, rent of house.....	96 00	
T. P. Mackinney, one and one quarter tons fertilizer and sundries.....	41 45	
Isaac Poor, groceries.....	47 00	
John H. Newman, provisions.....	4 04	
M. H. Chase, one harness and robe....	38 75	
John Hale, rent of house.....	48 00	
Mrs. Lyons, rent of house.....	59 00	
Richard Pettingell, rent of house.....	101 00	
J. M. Greenough, horse hire.....	25 75	
J. H. Babb, boots and shoes.....	45 24	
Joseph B. Jaques, milk.....	4 40	
L. B. Philbrick, paper bags.....	1 30	
F. H. Plumer, freight and carting.....	3 18	
Jere Healey, wood.....	1 00	
P. M. Lougee, sundry repairs.....	2 50	
Charles C. Stockman, bedsteads and mat- tresses.....	12 75	
John E. Weare, groceries.....	3 00	
George W. Knight, groceries furnished	4 24	
J. W. Akerman, provisions.....	10 13	
Nathaniel Ireland, groceries.....	10 47	

Amounts carried forward....\$20,553 21 \$22,508 92

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$20,553 21	\$22,508 92
Jeremiah Sheehan, sundries.....	17 48	
Johnson & McKinney, burial of poor person.....	5 00	
Sarah Alexander, services rendered.....	22 50	
Newburyport Pants Co., 12 pair pants...	13 20	
Mrs. Sarah Lattime, services rendered...	5 00	
Mary Bradley, services rendered.....	8 00	
H. L. Tenney, one pair horses.....	180 00	
Fred L. Butman, one fuel book.....	6 50	
Julia Godfrey, services as nurse.....	12 00	
M. H. Sargent, stationery.....	3 60	
F. J. Donahoe, groceries.....	13 90	
Annie Godfrey, services as nurse.....	22 50	
Thomas Chase, 100 cords pine wood....	360 00	
John H. Balch, Jr., 313 tons, 1235 lbs. stove coal at \$5.60	\$1,755 90	
John H. Balch, Jr., 70 tons, 1,390 lbs. egg coal at \$5.35	377 82	
	\$23,356 61	
Deduct amount charged to soldiers' relief.....	847 69	
		\$22,508 92

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$1,050 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....	11 15
	\$1,038 85

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Printing.

Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising.....	\$253 10	
Hunt Publishing Co., printing and advertising.....	42 25	
News Publishing Co., printing and binding 525 annual reports of city for year 1896.....	425 17	
News Publishing Co., printing and advertising.....	318 33	
		<u>\$1,038 85</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation.....\$2,250 00

CREDITS.

From town of Newbury, use of library for year 1896.....	\$150 00	
For dog licenses.....	788 96	
From Merchants National Bank, old deposit.....	2 52	
		<u>941 48</u>
Total appropriation and income.....		3,191 48
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....		<u>419 68</u>
		\$3,611 16

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

John D. Parsons, services as librarian..	\$1,200 00	
Martha P. Lunt, services as superintendent of reading room.....	516 76	
Effie A. Tenney, services as assistant librarian.....	400 00	
E. S. Thurston, services at library.....	123 26	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising.....	50 95	
News Publishing Co., printing and advertising.....	30 88	
Wm. J. Creasey, painting and varnishing	6 00	
Carter, Rice & Co., heavy paper.....	18 00	
Jackson's Express Co., express	3 35	
Republican Press Association, binding one magazine.....	6 00	
Library Bureau, sundries.....	48 08	
Hunt Publishing Co., printing.....	7 00	
W. T. Humphreys, premium on insurance policy.....	204 38	
Boston Bookbinding Co., binding books..	87 43	
P. H. Blumpey, groceries.....	12 21	
James Winslow, 152½ bushels charcoal..	15 25	
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books.....	139 70	
James C. Colman, stock and labor.....	1 55	
Brewster Bros., premium on insurance policy.....	240 00	
Chase & Lunt, premium on insurance policy.....	187 50	
John E. Bailey, stock and labor.....	10 45	
D. W. Nutting, salary as janitor one year	273 15	
Watering streets, sprinkling streets for		

Amounts carried forward..... \$3,581 90 \$3,611 16

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$3,581 90	\$3,611 16
year 1897.....	7 86	
Almeda Perkins, labor cleaning library..	20 00	
W. S. Pike, binding books.....	1 40	
		<u>\$3,611 16</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY (SPECIAL.)

Appropriation (for new catalogue).....	\$1,000 00	
Amount undrawn transferred to incidents to balance account.....	164 30	
		\$835 70

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

Winifred A. Herron, services as cataloguer.....	\$ 685 00	
Library bureau, labels, label holders, binders, etc.....	28 90	
News Publishing Co., 500 copies library catalogue.....	121 80	
		<u>\$835 70</u>

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Appropriation, (including estimate of \$3,500 for repairs on Kelley school building).....\$ 7,500 00

CREDITS.

From county of Essex, one year's rent of police court room to January 1, 1897	\$ 250 00
From state of Massachusetts, account, transfer for rent of armory one year, to January 1, 1898.....	400 00
From city clerk, sale of burial lots.....	169 00
“ “ rental of City Hall.....	1,007 00
“ “ sale of old fence at Highland cemetery.....	2 50
From Samuel Butterfield rent of Winter street landing from January 1, 1896 to January 1, 1898.....	20 00
From George H. Lang, rent of Winter street landing from March 1, 1897 to Jan. 1, 1898.....	8 33
From Irving H. Johnson, rent of Winter street landing from January 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897.....	11 67
From R. S. Hewlett, rent of Winter street landing from January 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898.....	10 00
From William C. Coffin, for glass broken in Forrester street school house..	50
From Charles Bashaw, one gate.....	1 65
From Arthur D. Ordway, rent of Winter street landing from June 20, 1897 to June 20, 1898.....	10 00

Amounts carried forward..... \$1,890 65 \$7,500 00

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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$1,890 65	\$7,500 00
From Florry Donahoe, one gate.....	1 65	
		\$1,892 30
Total appropriation and income.....		9,392 30
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....		867 92
		\$10,260 22

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Public Property.

S. H. Thurlow, hardware.....	\$ 63 09	
George W. Noyes, stock and labor.....	14 85	
Chandler & Barber, hardware.....	8 00	
F. H. Rundlett, cash paid for sundries	6 45	
Alfred Gurney, services as superintend- ent of old and new hill burying ground.....	250 20	
J. D. Adams, work on stage.....	3 00	
Eben C. Crockett, use of cart.....	2 50	
F. J. Donahoe, sundries.....	3 50	
Chandler Adjustable Desk Co., 84 adjust- able chairs and desks and setting up same.....	252 00	
Charles M. Somerby, labor at Ashland street school house.....	5 25	
N. C. Moody, stock and labor.....	1 60	
George N. Black, stock and labor.....	8 50	
Louis A. Pope, rent of building.....	43 00	
Thomas Simmons, stock and labor....	8 26	
Edward S. Hidden, stock and labor....	4 50	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$674 70	\$10,260 22

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$674 70	\$10,260 22
C. H. Jackman, stock and labor.....	3 20	
Eli Lamprey, stock and labor.....	20 59	
C. H. Meader, stock and labor.....	26 70	
Ralph Hayden, painting scenery at City Hall.....	10 25	
E. Perkins Lumber Co., stock, labor and teaming.....	184 65	
Yerxa & Co., brooms, etc.....	2 66	
Charles S. Lovejoy, stock and labor....	31 30	
T. Y. Cotton, stock and labor.....	31 00	
Eagle Chemical Co., one bbl. washing powder.....	20 00	
Safford & Lunt, one clock, seven welsbach lights and repairing clock....	21 75	
Daniel B. Pierce, window shades and leather cushions.....	10 75	
Paul A. Merrill, brooms, brushes, etc..	6 30	
George L. Jackman, one stove.....	8 00	
Karl Castelhun, corrosive sublimate solution.....	75	
B. G. Gerrish, window shades and carpeting.	65 05	
Clarence I. Marsh, labor.....	2 50	
C. N. Colson, furniture.....	25 90	
Albert O. Colby, labor at school houses	39 77	
Charles C. Stockman, furniture.....	131 70	
William J. Wilkinson, stock and labor	69 04	
John W. Walker, stock and labor.....	93 51	
Charles E. Woods, setting glass.....	3 00	
J. M. Haley, teaming.....	50	
Henry K. Barnes, 94 lbs. belt remnants	7 99	
L. W. Coker, tar, nails, etc.....	5 16	
Green Davis, painting and kalsomining inside Central fire station, etc.....	96 81	
<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$1,593 53</u>	<u>\$10,260 22</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>	\$1,593 53	\$10,260 22
A. J. Casey, toilet paper.....	1 00	
P. H. Blumpey, groceries.....	75	
C. Poor, stock and labor.....	27 09	
F. A. Silloway, repairing chair cushions	3 00	
Dodge Brothers, eleven empty bbls.....	5 50	
M. O'Connell, stock and labor.....	17 24	
William I. Hunt, moving bath house...	65 90	
J. J. Kelley, stock and labor.....	90	
Edward Osgood, one duster.....	1 40	
C. E. Currier & Son, stock and labor...	117 61	
William Holker, brush, mop and dust pan.....	1 10	
Charles M. Pritchard, use of gear, ropes etc.....	13 50	
Newburyport Gas and Electric Co., sup- ply pipe at Kelley school.....	7 90	
Joseph Torrey, stock and labor.....	31 08	
John A. Greeley & Co., mason work at Kelley school.....	150 78	
R. Strangman, stock and labor.....	11 10	
Toppan & Wilson, hardware.....	7 67	
C. R. Sagent, heating and ventilating the Kelley School house as per contract	3,970 00	
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising..	16 50	
C. O. Townsend, sundries.....	81 36	
B. W. Ordway, stock and labor.....	6 02	
Rufus Adams, stock and labor.....	3 00	
Rufus Adams, stock and labor on floor at Bromfield Street School as per contract.....	74 00	
Chas. M. Lunt, cash paid for two gates at Highland Cemetery.....	75 00	
H. D. Allen, stock and labor.....	22 99	

Amounts carried forward..... \$6,305 92 \$10,260 22

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$6,305 92	\$10,260 22
S. W. Harris, labor on fence at highland Cemetery.....	60 20	
Mariner P. Goodwin, cleaning and repairing clocks.....	9 00	
E. A. Young, mason work.....	1 50	
Water Supply, sprinkling streets for 1897	28 65	
Jos. T. Griffin, stock and labor at school houses.....	39 20	
O. Ditson & Co., one empty piano box	2 00	
S. R. Fox, labor on stove.....	3 00	
Albert Hodgdon, labor and teaming....	4 75	
J. Littlefield & Son, stock and labor....	1 37	
Edwin L. Toppan, mason work.....	10 75	
T. E. Marshall, agent, stock and labor..	20 87	
Jere Kelleher, 250 brick.....	2 50	
E. E. Kendrick, stock and labor.....	25 47	
L. Griffin, furnishing all supplies, etc. for electric bells at Kelley School house.....	67 95	
H. J. Noyes, stock and labor	17 03	
W. B. Kimball, one wall brush.....	2 40	
George T. Hicken, teaming.....	1 50	
C. M. Lunt & Sons, sanitary work.....	15 75	
H. H. Landford, stock and labor on electrical work.....	21 63	
Frank E. Davis, stock and labor.....	79 13	
W. E. Bodine, 60 curtains.....	34 50	
March's Cheap Cash Store, washing powder.....	20	
Mrs. M. B. Bowlen, rent of store.....	54 50	
Wm. A. Goodwin, labor at No. 2 Engine house....	1 75	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$6,811 52	\$10,260 22

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$6,811 52	\$10,260 22
John E. Bailey, stock and labor and superintending repairs on Kelley School house, etc.....	589 27	
F. E. Cutter & Co., stock and labor....	15 56	
Wm. J. Creasey, stock and labor.....	37 25	
C. R. Sargent, stock and labor.....	428 35	
Edw. Hardy, services as stage carpenter	163 00	
P. H. Kimball, winding and repairing clocks.....	27 00	
Frank Collins, stock and labor whitewashing school rooms.....	24 40	
F. H. Plumer, freight and carting.....	11 50	
Isaac Poor, groceries.....	1 21	
Geo. E. Greeley, stock and labor.....	53 34	
Geo. D. Brown, repairing pumps.....	23 25	
Stephen W. Gale, services as janitor and fireman at Curtis School, etc.....	91 00	
T. P. Mackinney, hardware.....	7 04	
John J. Bryan, three Couch fuel savers, etc.....	10 74	
Herman Staples, stock and labor.....	70 19	
J. C. Colman, stock, labor and teaming	91 11	
Thomas P. Thomas, labor on roofs, etc	83 44	
E. P. Dodge Manufacturing Co., 12 empty barrels.....	5 40	
J. C. Coleman & E. P. Shaw, rent of coal sheds.....	144 00	
George H. Jaques, hardware.....	5 08	
Joseph Woods, use of team.....	15 00	
Daniel Neal, keys.....	1 80	
J. L. Hammett Co., ink wells.....	2 00	
Estate N. Varina, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton coal.....	1 45	
Gowen Dockum, rent of rifle range....	75 00	

Amounts carried forward..... \$8,788 90 \$10,260 22

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$8,788 90	\$10,260 22
L. M. Hatch & Sons, stock and labor..	17 60	
James Lyons, labor.....	3 00	
John W. Allen, sundries.....	1 09	
William M. Horsch, putting in steam heating apparatus at Engine house, No. 8.....	215 18	
Moses A. Stevens, groceries.....	1 35	
J. B. Shannon & Sons, springs.....	15 50	
Page Woven Wire Fence Co., wire fence at Highland cemetery.....	186 00	
W. A. Davis & Son, stock and labor, putting up awnings.....	6 15	
Pearl S. Bradford, stock and labor.....	51 37	
D. F. Noyes, stock and labor.....	81 33	
John Ronan, 300 feet turf and repairing bank at Kelley school.....	10 00	
Joseph M. White, services as keeper of bath house.....	212 00	
Rosanna Quill, cleaning Kelley school house.....	35 00	
J. J. Merrill, services as electrician....	9 60	
Highway department, sand.....	2 25	
William F. Stanwood, one time feeder and 75 letters.....	7 00	
John Pollard, labor.....	5 80	
Charles E. Allen, "	4 40	
Edward Powers, "	4 60	
Thomas Hale, "	4 20	
Frank Buckley, "	16 20	
Daniel Creedon, "	3 40	
Joseph B. Gaddas, "	7 20	
Edmund Ryan, "	1 80	
Edgar B. Davis, "	1 60	
Charles W. Davis, "	1 60	
<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$9,694 12	\$10,260 22

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Frederick McDonald, labor.....	1 00	
George E. Pearson, labor.....	2 30	
Daniel Cronan, labor.....	1 00	
Matthew Barrett, "	23 40	
Cornelius Kelleher, "	3 00	
Maurice Corcoran, "	1 00	
Daniel Lucy, "	2 80	
John Clifford, "	9 80	
Cornelius Sullivan, "	4 40	
Charles Bashaw, "	10 00	
David F. Dow, "	2 00	
Thomas Ryan, "	1 80	
John Hadden, "	80	
Dennis Kelleher, "	1 80	
George E. Dixon, "	1 00	
Highway department transfer to highways	500 00	
		\$10,260 22

SALARIES OF CITY OFFICERS.

Appropriation.....	\$9,700 00
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....	120 09
	\$9,820 09

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the City Council.

Andrew R. Curtis, one year's salary as mayor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	\$1,200 00	
George H. Stevens, one year's salary as city clerk to Dec. 1, 1897.....	1,491 66	
Henry W. Little, 11 months' salary as assistant city clerk to Dec. 1, 1897..	550 00	
James V. Felker, one year's salary as treasurer and collector to Dec 1, 1897.....	1,600 00	
James V. Felker, one year's salary for clerk hire to Dec. 1, 1897.....	150 00	
William H. Welch, one year's salary as city auditor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	400 00	
Robert E. Burke, one year's salary as city solicitor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	400 00	
Frank H. Rundlett, one year's salary as city messenger to Dec. 1, 1897.....	900 00	
Amos H. Geary, one year's salary as as- sessor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	500 00	
Joseph L. Johnson, one year's salary as assessor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	500 00	
J. Otis Winkley, one year's salary as as- sessor to Dec. 1, 1897.....	500 00	
George W. Knight, one year's salary as inspector of animals to Dec. 1, 1897	500 00	
Thomas E. Cutter, one year's salary as clerk of council to Oct. 1, 1897....	150 00	
Moses Brown, one year's salary as li- cense commissioner to Dec. 1, 1897	228 43	
Jacob T. Rowe, one year's salary as li- cense commissioner to Dec. 1, 1897	200 00	

Amounts carried forward.....\$9,270 09 \$9,820 09

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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$9,270 09	\$9,820 09
George P. Sargent, one year's salary as license commissioner to Dec. 1, 1897.....	200 00	
James V. Felker, one year's salary as treasurer of sinking funds to Dec. 1, 1897.....	50 00	
Nathaniel Greely, one year's salary as registrar of voters to Dec. 1, 1897..	75 00	
Benjamin G. Davis, one year's salary as registrar of voters to Dec. 1, 1897..	75 00	
Luther Carter, one year's salary as regis- trar of voters to Dec. 1, 1897.....	75 00	
George H. Stevens, one year's salary as registrar of voters to Dec. 1, 1897	75 00	
		<u>\$9,820 09</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation....\$28,700 00

CREDITS.

One year's interest Brown fund to March 4, 1897.....	\$ 675 00	
William P. Lunt, superintendent, from non-resident school children.....	335 50	
		<u>\$1,010 50</u>
Total appropriation and income.....	\$29,710 50	
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to bal- ance account.....	809 69	
		<u>\$30,520 19</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the School Committee.

George A. Dickey,	salary as teacher...	\$1,600	00
Arthur H. Berry,	" "	1,000	00
Sarah A. Leonard,	" "	474	00
Mary T. Spalding,	" "	485	33
Sarah Dean,	" "	490	00
Dora Dadman,	" "	108	00
Ida M. Wallace,	" "	280	00
Bertha J. Atwater,	" "	344	67
Inez Cohen,	" "	550	00
E. Belle Haven,	" "	180	00
Mary E. Smith,	" "	180	00
Elizabeth Newhall,	" "	45	00
Irving H. Johnson,	" "	1,000	00
Grace L. Rivers,	" "	40	00
Anna L. Whitmore,	" "	398	00
Alice W. Hopkinson,	" "	396	00
Clara J. Edgerly,	" "	400	00
Francis W. Richards,	" "	1,010	00
George W. Brown,	" "	1,300	00
Anna M. Lamprey,	" "	403	00
Josie W. Klmball,	" "	393	17
Lillian Hamilton,	" "	351	00
Anna L. Coffin,	" "	479	17
Emma M. Lander,	" "	400	00
Jennie P. Haskell,	" "	375	00
Grace E. Bartlett,	" "	350	00
Priscilla G. Craig,	" "	550	00
Abbie L. Frost,	" "	400	00
Lillian Greenleaf,	" "	375	00
Mary T. Colby,	" "	331	96
Mary A. Roaf,	" "	343	59

Amounts carried forward... \$15,032 89 \$30,520 19

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<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>		\$15,032 89	\$30,520 19
Lillian Goodwin, salary as teacher.....		362 60	
Elizabeth Cheever, " " ...		369 17	
Sarah L. Ross, " " ...		350 00	
Gertrude E. Lewis, " " ...		347 09	
Anna P. Toppan, " " ...		350 00	
Charlotte Dickins, " " ...		349 42	
Sarah B. Chute, " " ...		750 00	
Alice A. Bartlett, " " ...		61 00	
Sarah E. Whitmore, " " ...		500 00	
Ellen Frothingham, " " ...		400 00	
Frances L. Pettigrew, " " ...		375 00	
Sarah F. Badger, " " ...		348 84	
Julia J. Hubbard, " " ...		347 68	
Helen S. Merrill, " " ...		400 00	
Flora Pettigrew, " " ...		350 00	
Nellie G. Stone, " " ...		439 00	
Sadie M. Morse, " " ...		600 00	
Adelena Sargent, " " ...		322 50	
Eleanor S. Robinson, " " ...		227 50	
Georgie Bartlett, " " ...		288 50	
A. Cora Oliver, training school and substitute teacher.....		21 58	
Elizabeth Merrill, training school and substitute teacher.....		40 62	
Grace Gale, training school and substitute teacher.....		63 75	
Helen S. Merrill, salary as teacher at evening school.....		29 00	
Flora Pettigrew, salary as teacher at evening school.....		31 00	
Harriet Colman, salary as teacher at evening school.....		44 00	
Lizzie Ireland, salary as teacher at evening school and substitute teacher..		46 92	
<i>Amounts carried forward....</i>		\$22,848 06	\$30,520 19

<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>	\$22,848 06	\$30,520 19
Elizabeth C. Adams, salary as teacher of singing.....	80 00	
Margaret Sargent, salary as teacher at evening school.....	33 00	
Amelia R. Whittier, salary as teacher at evening school.....	32 00	
Emma M. Lunt, salary for teacher as substitute.....	15 83	
Jennie P. Carleton, salary for teacher as substitute.....	2 00	
Jennie Locke, salary for teacher as substitute.....	10 64	
May Hallier, salary for teacher as substitute.....	1 74	
Mrs. Orrie Randall, salary for teacher as substitute.....	9 00	
Edith Smith, salary for teacher as substitute.....	5 82	
Wm. C. Peters, salary for teacher as substitute.....	11 00	
Elizabeth H. Little, salary as teacher for cooking.....	10 00	
Florence Ingalls, training school and substitute teacher.....	78 83	
Charlotte Noyes, training school and substitute teacher.....	78 83	
Julia Boyle, training school teacher....	42 00	
Dorothy Packer, " "	62 00	
Ina Walton, " "	33 00	
Maria Cogger, " "	22 00	
Carrie Merrill, " "	22 00	
Mary Whitmore, " "	22 00	
Fred P. Hinkley, salary as janitor.....	237 50	

Amounts carried forward..... \$23,657 25 \$30,520 19

<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>	\$23,657 25	\$30,520 19
Chas. H. Lewis, salary as janitor.....	92 50	
Albert Hodgdon, " "	116 61	
Albert O. Colby, " "	298 55	
James Kimball, " "	89 51	
Stephen R. Fox, " "	79 98	
Mrs. John Murphy, " "	11 01	
Chas. H. Lunt, " "	46 33	
Fred H. South, " "	24 99	
Frank Nicols, " "	57 55	
Eben Lancaster, " "	33 03	
Manasseh Merritt, " "	3 00	
Stephen W. Gale, " "	291 75	
William P. Lunt, salary as superintend- ent and cash paid.....	1,375 85	
Robert G. Allen, salary as truant officer	500 00	
Trustees Putman Free School, one year's rent of school building.....	500 00	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, text books	6 00	
James Winslow, 972½ bushels charcoal	97 25	
Frost & Adams Co., artists' materials...	15 75	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., paint brushes, etc....	17 25	
Mineral Tablet Ink Co., ink tablets.....	10 00	
A. P. Marden, tuning piano.....	2 00	
William Ware & Co., books.....	19 17	
The Greenwood Supply Co., ten gallons writing fluid.....	6 00	
Franklin Educational Co., chemicals and apparatus	27 15	
Edward Donahoe, weighing coal.....	3 60	
M. A. Swifts Sons, paper.....	42 85	
D. Appleton & Co., dictionaries.....	7 35	
Eagle Pencil Co., pens and pencils.....	18 50	

Amounts carried forward....\$27,450 78 \$30,520 19

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$27,450 78	\$30,520 19
W. B. Kimball, floor brushes and dust- ers.....	15 15	
Ginn & Co., text books.....	188 30	
P. P. Caproni & Brothers, subjects for artistic study.....	10 75	
Carl P. Rollins, cash paid for levee tick- ets.....	1 50	
J. C. Colman, one cask of lime.....	1 15	
D. P. Thurlow, tuning and repairing or- gan.....	3 00	
Rand, McNalty & Co., arithmetics....	1 40	
William A. Jackson, teaming.....	1 00	
John Collins, 31 tons, 18 cwt. coal.....	151 54	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	177 89	
News Publishing Co., printing and ad- vertising.....	43 90	
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies.....	32 63	
University Publishing Co., books.....	27 92	
George F. King & Co., school stationery	72 00	
American Book Co., books.....	254 13	
William Holker, sundries.....	7 80	
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books	18 75	
Fraternity Hall, use of hall.....	8 00	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing 1000 reports.....	50 30	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising.....	27 80	
Jackson Express Co., express.....	11 45	
Atkinson Coal Co., 7500 lbs. coal.....	14 88	
Jere Healey, coal and wood.....	47 50	
George S. Perry & Co., sketch books and pencils.....	16 50	
C. W. Bailey, supplies.....	51 87	

Amounts carried forward.....\$28,687 89 \$30,520 19

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$28,687 89	\$30,520 19
M. R. Warren, stationery.....	5 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co., bookkeeping supplies.....	22 83	
Essex County Truant School, board of sundry persons....	70 56	
Dana J. Bugbee, one geographical port- folio.....	30 00	
George F. King & Merrill, supplies....	33 39	
M. H. Sargent, supplies.....	89 66	
H. A. Wilson, dozen water pails.....	2 50	
Boston School Supply Co., books.....	33 85	
Hunt Publishing Co., printing.....	4 50	
L. W. Piper, filling out diplomas.....	13 65	
The Morse Co., maps.....	4 50	
American Bank Note Co., 100 diplomas	30 00	
B. G. Gerriish, mats.....	5 75	
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books.....	44 64	
A. E. Martell & Co., one letter book...	3 50	
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	41 01	
John H. Balch, jr., 248 tons, 17 cwt. coal and 2 ft. wood.....	1,336 16	
C. E. Allen, labor.....	5 90	
Geo. E. Pearson, labor.....	11 00	
Cornelius Sullivan, ".....	7 80	
Maurice Corcoran, ".....	1 90	
Cornelius Lynch, ".....	7 20	
Wm. H. Merritt, ".....	4 30	
Chas. W. Davis, ".....	2 00	
Wm. D. Williams, ".....	80	
Humphrey Haley, ".....	1 20	
Fred'k McDonald, ".....	30	
Daniel Lucy, ".....	20	
Geo. E. Dixon, ".....	1 00	

Amounts carried forward..... \$30,502 99 \$30,520 19

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>	\$30,502 99	\$30,520 19
Jos. B. Gaddas, labor.....	1 00	
Thomas Hale, "	2 60	
Daniel Cronan, "	2 60	
Patrick Scully, "	2 00	
William Tatterfield, "	4 40	
Cornelius Kelleher, "	3 40	
John Pollard, "	1 00	
Thomas Ryan, "	20	
		<u>\$30,520 19</u>

SEWERAGE (CONSTRUCTION.)

Balance due from city Dec. 19, 1896.....\$98 71

CREDITS.

From James C. Colman, bill credited back.....	\$ 3 50	
From Cashman Brothers, sewer pipe...	14 10	
From Newburyport water works, pipe..	21 38	
		<u>38 98</u>
		137 69
Balance due the city Dec. 18, 1897.....	347 25	
		<u>\$484 94</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Sewerage.

N. C. Moody, two steel bars.....	\$ 1 75
R. G. Adams, use of levelling instrument	6 75
N. C. Burrill, services as assistant superintendent.....	16 00
Francis Curtis, cash paid for labor.....	3 40
C. H. Meader, mason work.....	23 29
Daniel Cashman, teaming.....	4 76
T. P. Mackinney, hardware.....	4 66
Highway department, repairs on High street after laying of sewer down Johnson street.....	10 00
J. C. Colman, cement and lumber.....	7 00
News Publishing Co., advertising.....	4 00
Newburyport Herald Co., advertising..	4 00
A. Russell & Son, dust pans, man hole covers and rings.....	48 70
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., freight on sewer pipe.....	47 44
Patrick Tobin, teaming.....	1 40
Frank E. Davis, stock and labor.....	1 37
M. B. Paige, sewer pipe.....	85 62
C. H. Kelleher, construction of Johnson street sewer as per contract.....	209 80
W. B. Porter, use of cart flushing sewers.....	5 00

\$484 94

SEWERS (MAINTENANCE.)

Appropriation.....	\$700 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....	77 23
	\$622 77

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Sewerage.

Francis Curtis, one year's salary as superintendent and cash paid.....	\$555 42
E. P. Allen, washing and rolling hose.....	75
C. R. Sargent, making root cutter.....	2 25
Thos P. Mackinney, hardware.....	2 60
Sidney W. Harris, labor.....	5 00
Aaron R. Gay & Co., books for drain sketches.....	9 25
Highway Department, bricks.....	75
Wm. B. Porter, use of cart flushing sewers	26 50
John Herlihy, labor cleaning sewers.....	20 25
	\$622 77

SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

Appropriation.....\$1,000 00

CREDITS.

From Charles I. Armstrong, for edge-		
stones.....	\$ 16 57	
From George M. Warner, for edgestones	14 50	
From T. Stuart & Sons, " "	6 84	
From Daniel Cashman, " "	7 50	
From Eben A. Young, " "	17 79	
From Thomas Humphreys, " "	3 13	
From Cashman Brothers, " "	19 65	
From C. H. Kelleher, " "	4 40	
From William A. Currier, concrete and		
edgestones....	8 35	
From culverts, 750 bricks.....	7 50	
From betterment account transfer.....	2,263 94	
		\$2,370 17
Total appropriation and income.....	3,370 17	
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to		
balance account.....	53 07	
		\$3,423 24

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Highways.

C. H. Meader, laying sidewalks.....	\$ 125 02	
Joseph Cherry, 6,000 bricks at \$10 per M	60 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$185 02</i>	<i>\$3,423 24</i>

<i>Amounts brought forward....</i>	\$185,02	\$3,423 24
J. A. Greeley & Co., laying sidewalks	25 79	
Effie Ludington, wharfage on edgestones	32 00	
James C. Colman, use of team.....	14 50	
H. D. Rollins, captain, freight on edge- stones.....	223 66	
William H. Toppan, laying sidewalks..	42 00	
J. Littlefield & Son, labor on edgestones	237 85	
Eben A. Young, laying sidewalks.....	10 60	
Hooper, Havey & Co., 3201 $\frac{1}{3}$ feet edge- stone at 25 $\frac{7}{8}$ cents per foot (net)..	828 79	
A. W. Thompson, lumber, paint and labor on fence.....	8 00	
George W. Langdon, professional ser- vices.....	5 00	
Thomas P. Thomas, 1857 $\frac{26}{45}$ yards concrete at 50 cents.....	928 78	
Charles E. Allen, labor	199 20	
George E. Pearson, "	4 40	
Joseph B. Gaddas, "	3 40	
Jeremiah Toomey, "	23 30	
Thomas Hale, "	44 20	
Daniel Cronan, "	42 60	
Edmund Ryan, "	182 10	
Jeremiah Sheehan, "	190 00	
Charles W. Thurlow, "	3 60	
Daniel Lucy, "	22 70	
Dennis Kelleher, "	1 00	
Patrick Toomey, "	39 00	
John Pollard, "	24 00	
David F. Dow, "	1 80	
Dennis Kelleher, "	18 40	
Timothy Coffey, "	1 80	
Timothy Manning, "	1 80	
<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	\$3,345 29	\$3,423 24

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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$3,345 29	\$3,423 24
Cornelius Lyons,	"	1 80	
Samuel Martin,	"	4 80	
William Tatterfield,	"	16 20	
John McDade,	"	7 50	
Thomas Ryan,	"	1 80	
Cornelius Kelleher,	"	1 80	
Cornelius Lynch,	"	5 40	
Daniel Quill,	"	3 60	
Matthew Barrett,	"	2 80	
Cornelius Sullivan,	"	4 60	
John Hadden,	"	2 80	
John Clifford,	"	3 60	
Thomas Ronan, labor on sidewalks....		13 83	
Betterments, allowance for old stone, J.			
F. Carens.....		3 05	
Betterments, allowance for old stone,			
Benjamin F. Poor.....		4 37	
			<u>\$3,423 24</u>

MEMORANDUM.

There are about 600 feet of edgestone on hand at Riverside Park, which were paid for in year 1897, the value of same being about \$225.00

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS—ARMORY RENT ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.

From State of Massachusetts, armory rent for year 1897 \$400 '00

DEBIT.

Public property, rental of new armory for year 1897... 400 00

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.—MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Balance due from state Dec. 19, 1896.... \$348 96

Payments of aid in 1897..... 792 46

\$1,141 42

Amount of appropriation undrawn for one-half pay-
ments in 1897..... 3 77

\$1145 19

CREDITS.

City appropriation for 1897.... \$400 00

Cash from state for one-half payments
made in year 1896..... 372 96

772 96

Balance due from state Dec. 18, 1897.....

\$372 23

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation..... \$2,400 00

CREDITS.

Cash received for board of sundry persons..... 353 76

Total appropriation and income.....\$2,753 76

Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance
account..... 300 10

\$2,453 66

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Soldiers' Relief Committee.

Amount paid in cash to sundry persons
for aid during year..... \$1,229 50

Amount paid for board in hospitals and
asylums and medical attendance of
sundry persons during the year..... 584 94

Amount allowed for groceries, clothing
and fuel to sundry persons during
the year..... 433 17

Amount paid for salary of clerk of state
aid, military aid and soldiers' relief
committee one year to Dec. 1, 1897 200 00

Amount paid for traveling expenses on
sundry cases..... 6 05

\$2,453 66

WATER ACCOUNT.

Balance Dec. 19, 1896.....\$32,893 93

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Committee on Water Supply.

Expenses incurred before the commissioners for determining price of water plant.

C. M. Lunt & Sons, pipe and labor....\$	8 25
Newburyport water works, cash paid for labor and supplies.....	260 01
Charles H. Sargent, three days appraising plant and attendance at hearing	22 80
George E. Crosby & Co., printing brief and filing.....	241 00
Moody & Bartlett, in full for professional services and expenses.....	5,000 00
A. E. Pillsbury, on account of professional services.....	12,500 00
Charles C. Dame, on account of professional services.....	3,088 50

\$21,120 56

\$54,014 49

WATERING STREETS FOR YEAR 1897.

Total amount assessed to abutters for year 1897,	
96,419 $\frac{8}{12}$ ft. at 3c.....	\$2,892 59
Transferred from incidental account.....	1,000 00
Income from Simpson Fund.....	900 00
	\$4,792 59
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance	
account.....	37 18
	\$4,755 41

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

Cashman Bros., use of carts and men for	
year 1897.....	\$3,544 70
William B. Porter, use of carts and men	85 00
Newburyport Water Works, for water..	937 80
Fred L. Butman, books.....	19 50
Samuel W. Tuck, measuring.....	3 75
Robert G. Allen, "	7 94
Chas. W. Thurlow, "	3 07
Geo. Ray Sargent, "	7 00
Cornelius Kiely, "	5 60
Frank B. Ireland, "	3 00
H. H. Kimball, "	6 35
W. D. Noyes, "	2 45
Newburyport Water Works, putting in	
stand pipes.....	129 25
	\$4,755 41

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation.....	\$1,300 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....	664 50
	\$635 50

EXPENDITURES.

Authorized by Committee on Water Supply.

Newburyport water works, six months' use of water for public buildings...	\$633 50
Hill's livery, horse hire.....	2 00
	<u>\$635 50</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

CREDITS.

From city of Newburyport $\frac{3}{4}$ of liquor licenses for year 1897.....	\$17,787 23	
From state of Massachusetts, corpora- tion tax for year 1897.....	12,218 37	
From state of Massachusetts account, balance of corporation tax for year 1897, (remaining unpaid Dec. 18, 1897, credited).....	2,554 21	
From state of Massachusetts, foreign shipping account for year 1897...	928 32	
From state of Massachusetts, non-resi- dent bank tax for year 1897.....	1,118 22	
		<u>\$34,606 35</u>

DEBITS.

Amount deducted by assessors.....	\$32,000 00	
State of Massachusetts, account defi- ciency of corporation tax of 1896 of amount charged Dec. 19, 1896....	2 63	
		<u>\$32,002 63</u>
Transferred to incidentals.....		<u>\$2,603 72</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Appropriated and paid for state tax of 1897.....	\$ 7,857 50
“ “ county “ 1897.....	10,495 73
	\$18,353 23

NON-RESIDENT BANK TAX.

CREDITS.

Collected from city banks.....	\$3,523 92
Credited on state account.....	2,671 61
	\$6,195 53

DEBITS.

Charged on State account.....	\$4,982 14
Paid for assessing and collecting bank taxes.....	95 17
	5,077 31
Balance transferred to income account.....	\$1,118 22

RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Tax of 1893.....	\$ 34 00
“ 1894.....	448 35
“ 1895.....	11,206 60
“ 1896.....	31,381 26
“ 1897.....	108,072 36
	\$151,142 57
Betterment assessments.....	2,041 67
Watering street assessments for year 1897.....	2,068 89
	<u>\$155,253 13</u>

DOG LICENSES.

Received from county of Essex.....	\$788 96
Transferred to public library account.....	<u>788 96</u>

LIQUOR LICENSES.

CREDITS.

Received from licenses granted for year 1897, viz :	
Eleven of first and fourth class common	
victuallers at \$1800 each.....	\$19,800 00
Two of first class innholders at \$1500..	3,000 00
One of fourth class grocers at \$1000...	1,000 00
Ten of sixth class druggists at \$1.....	10 00
Total 24 licenses.....	23,810 00
Received for advertising licenses.....	62 00
	\$23,872 00

DEBITS.

Newburyport Herald Co., advertising \$	133 50
News Publishing Co., printing.....	4 00
Moses Brown, postage, books, etc....	18 20
State of Massachusetts, 25% of receipts	5,929 07
	\$6,084 77
Transferred to income account.....	<u><u>\$17,787 23</u></u>

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

CREDITS.

Received from county treasurer for seals	
killed.....	\$219 00
Balance due from county Dec. 18, 1897...	6 00

\$225 00

DEBITS.

Paid Edwin F. Hunt, killing seals.....	\$87 00
“ Roy McRae, “	36 00
“ Samuel L. Truesdale, “	27 00
“ John D. Kilborn, “	21 00
“ Fred H. Meade “	15 00
“ Albert Fernald “	9 00
“ Frank E. Fernald “	9 00
“ Henry L. Godfrey, “	6 00
“ Charles Richardson, “	3 00
“ Richard Coffin, “	3 00
“ Frank Paul, “	3 00
“ F. E. Aubin, “	3 00
“ Clarence M. Boyd, “	3 00

\$225 00

INCOME FROM CITY BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

Received from County of Essex, rent of police court room one year to Jan- uary 1, 1897.....	\$ 250 00
Received from Town of Newbury, use of public library one year to January 1, 1897.....	150 00
Received from R. S. Hewlett, rent of Winter street landing one year to January 1, 1898.....	10 00
Received from Samuel Butterfield, rent of Winter street landing two years to January 1, 1898.....	20 00
Received from Irving H. Johnson, rent of Winter street landing fourteen months to March 1, 1897.....	11 67
Received from Geo. H. Lang, rent of Winter street landing ten months to January 1, 1898.....	8 33
Received from A. D. Ordway, rent of Winter street landing one year to June 20, 1898.....	10 00
Received from State of Massachusetts, rent of Armory one year to January 1, 1898.....	400 00
Received from rental of Riverside Park during year 1897..	26 00
Received from rental of City Hall during year 1897.....	1,007 00
Received from sale of burial lots New Hill during year 1897.....	169 00
Transferred to public property, parks and public library accounts.....	<u>\$2,062 00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Poor (including fuel, insane and city physician's salary).....	\$18,500 00
Schools, (including fuel and rent of Putnam school building).....	28,700 00
Fire (includes fuel).....	9,500 00
Highways.....	17,000 00
Sidewalks and edgestones.....	1,000 00
Ashes and rubbish.....	1,100 00
Bridges and culverts.....	2,000 00
Water supply (public buildings).....	1,300 00
Incidentals....	750 00
Public property (includes heating and ventilating Kelley school).....	7,500 00
Police....	12,500 00
Lighting streets and buildings.....	12,500 00
Salaries.....	9,700 00
Fuel.....	550 00
Public library.....	2,250 00
Public library (special).....	1,000 00
Printing.....	1,050 00
Board of health.....	1,000 00
Military aid.....	400 00
Abatement of taxes of 1894.....	1,700 00
" " 1895.....	700 00
" " 1896.....	500 00
" " 1897.....	100 00
Parks (includes \$400 for Atkinson Common)....	850 00
Memorial Day.....	150 00
Sewer maintenance (includes superintendent's salary).....	700 00
Soldiers' relief.....	2,400 00
Interest.....	17,000 00
Notes payable.....	3,500 00
Sinking funds.....	12,000 00
Janvrin's landing.....	600 00
	<u>\$168,500 00</u>

CITY VALUATION FOR 1897.

Real estate.....	\$7,179,300 00
Personal estate.....	2,114,500 00
Resident bank shares.....	389,174 00
	\$9,682,974 00

Tax assessed on real estate.....	\$110,561 22
“ “ personal estate.....	32,563 30
“ “ resident bank shares	5,993 28
“ “ polls....	7,830 00
	\$156,947 80

Appropriated for city expenses.....	\$168,500 00
Income deducted.....	32,000 00

	136,500 00
City appropriation, state tax.....	7,857 50
City appropriation, county tax.....	10,495 73
Overlay.....	1,707 51
Supplementary assessments.....	387 06

\$156,947 80

Number of polls, 3915; rate of taxation, \$15.40 per \$1000.

POPULATION.

1895 state census.....	14,554
1898 (estimated).....	14,800

SALARIES OF CITY OFFICERS FOR 1897.

Mayor.....	\$1,200 00
City clerk (no fees).....	1,450 00
Assistant city clerk.....	600 00
City treasurer and collector.....	1,600 00
City treasurer and collector (for clerk hire).....	150 00
City auditor.....	400 00
City solicitor (in full for all services).....	400 00
City physician.....	300 00
City messenger.....	900 00
City marshal.....	800 00
Surveyor of highways (to furnish own team).....	1,200 00
Superintendent of schools.....	1,200 00
Clerk of Common Council.....	150 00
Clerk of overseers of the poor.....	850 00
Clerk of state aid committee.....	200 00
Superintendent of fire alarm.....	200 00
Agent of board of health.....	200 00
Clerk of board of health.....	50 00
Superintendent of sewers.....	525 00
Treasurer of sinking funds.....	50 00
Librarian of public library.....	1,200 00
Assistant librarian of public library.....	400 00
Superintendent of reading room.....	450 00
Superintendent of almshouse.....	480 00
Matron of almshouse.....	240 00
Drawtender of Newburyport bridge.....	600 00
Inspector of animals and provisions.....	500 00
Chief engineer of fire department.....	300 00
Three assistant engineers, each.....	50 00
Clerk of board of engineers.....	15 00
Engineers of steamers, each.....	160 00
Assistant engineers, each.....	20 00
Firemen of steamers, each.....	125 00

Hosemen and laddermen, each	45 00
Three assessors, each	500 00
Four registrars, each	75 00
Two liquor license commissioners, each	200 00
Chairman liquor license commission	225 00
Captain of night watch	900 00
Patrolmen per week	15 75
Drivers of double teams, per week	12 00
Drivers of single teams, per week	12 00
Permanent fireman, per week	14 00

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CITY, COUNTY AND STATE TAXES,

Rate of Taxation per \$1000, and Number of Polls, from 1851 to 1897 inclusive.

Year	No. Polls	Valuation of Real Estate	Valuation of Personal Estate	Total Valuation	*Amount of City Tax	Amount of State Tax	Amount of County Tax	Total Tax	Taxation per \$1000
1851..	2517	\$2,596,400	\$2,880,200	\$5,476,600	\$33,597 98	.....	\$ 5,227 76	\$ 38,825 74	\$ 6 40
1852..	2827	2,764,800	2,796,700	5,561,500	43,504 74	.....	5,227 76	48,732 50	8 00
1853..	2997	2,902,100	2,931,500	5,833,600	40,232 74	\$ 2,787 00	5,227 76	48,257 59	7 50
1854..	2770	3,302,500	3,483,000	6,785,500	41,434 50	2,787 00	7,432 00	51,653 50	7 00
1855..	2977	3,449,100	3,554,000	7,003 100	48,877 80	4,180 50	7,432 00	60,590 30	8 00
1856..	2972	3,453,500	3,762,700	7,216,200	50,931 70	5,574 00	9,290 00	65,795 70	8 50
1857..	2705	3,424,200	3,603,600	7,027,800	49,656 70	8,361 00	9,290 00	67,307 80	9 00
1858..	2708	3,287,100	3,529,300	6,816,400	48,582 63	3,344 00	7,560 21	59,486 84	8 00
1859..	2529	3,212,700	3,630,000	6,842,700	58,741 88	2,790 00	8,595 24	70,037 12	9 60
1860..	2412	3,200,800	3,544,800	6,745,600	61,654 80	2,327 00	8,694 24	72,674 04	10 20
1861..	2430	3,150,600	3,447,500	6,608,100	60,521 79	2,346 00	9,369 85	72,237 74	10 40
1862..	2462	3,056,000	3,163,450	6,219,450	62,648 67	14,076 00	7,868 29	84,532 96	12 80
1863..	2348	3,048,700	3,395,000	6,443,700	68,337 11	18,768 00	7,868 29	94,913 40	14 00
1864..	2328	3,268,700	3,425,000	6,693 700	72,193 84	18,768 00	7,868 29	98,767 80	14 00
1865..	3000	3,349,200	4,032,800	7,382,000	90,336 05	36,660 00	8,188 95	135,195 00	17 50
1866..	3126	3,373,700	3,834,500	7,214,200	129,768 35	23,400 00	8,188 95	161,357 30	21 50
1867..	2893	3,966,600	4,034,100	7,960,700	116,173 30	39,000 00	9,826 70	165,000 00	20 00
1868..	3388	3,743,800	3,479,800	7,223,600	110,160 78	15,600 00	9,417 30	135,195 08	17 80
1869..	3242	3,858,000	3,569,700	7,427,700	119,502 67	19,500 00	8,188 95	144,639 22	18 60
1870..	2907	4,018,701	3,682,545	7,701,246	127,431 72	19,500 00	9,826 70	156,758 42	19 60
1871..	3218	4,057,500	3,034,257	7,091,757	104,051 74	19,500 00	9,826 70	133,378 44	17 90
1872..	3292	4,243,950	3,068,700	7,312,650	123,154 65	11,960 00	8,215 90	143,330 55	18 70
1873..	3190	4,515,400	3,057,140	7,572,540	139,188 92	13,455 00	8,215 90	160,859 82	20 40
1874..	3208	4,763,700	3,120,407	7,884,107	136,038 13	11,960 00	8,215 90	156,214 03	19 00
1875..	3383	4,904,075	3,140,838	8,044,913	139,443 45	11,960 00	8,215 90	159,619 35	19 00
1876..	3356	4,788,450	2,937,167	7,725,617	136,042 87	7,566 00	6,499 50	159,408 38	18 60

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1877..	3223	4,832,700	2,812,284	7,644,984	115,911 24	6,555 00	6,499 50	128,965 74	16 00
1878..	3408	4,799,250	2,778,962	7,578,212	122,383 30	4,370 00	7,592 30	135,645 60	17 00
1879..	3209	4,766,700	2,642,888	7,409,588	111,070 40	2,185 00	7,135 54	120,390 94	15 50
1880..	3384	4,815,800	2,650,877	7,466,677	109,557 63	6,555 00	7,135 54	123,448 17	15 60
1881..	3456	4,849,050	2,686,406	7,535,456	123,809 80	6,555 00	7,135 54	136,499 84	17 20
1882..	3343	5,002,550	2,415,148	7,417,698	138,779 64	8,740 00	7,135 54	144,655 18	18 60
1883..	3462	5,074,850	2,443,258	7,518,108	119,580 59	7,080 00	9,442 86	136,103 45	17 20
1884..	3467	5,162,750	2,335,771	7,548,521	125,336 22	9,440 00	9,442 86	144,219 08	18 20
1885..	3427	5,214,050	2,336,755	7,550,805	126,229 63	7,080 00	9,442 86	142,752 49	18 00
1886..	3380	5,207,350	2,319,988	7,587,338	122,220 32	6,855 00	8,919 62	137,994 94	17 30
1887..	3801	5,730,400	2,344,337	8,074,737	122,440 33	10,282 50	8,919 62	141,642 45	16 60
1888..	3964	6,088,800	2,643,455	8,732,345	128,443 40	10,282 50	8,919 62	147,645 52	16 00
1889..	3985	6,449,865	2,846,370	9,296,235	127,603 11	9,120 00	8,771 16	145,554 27	14 80
1890..	3897	6,895,197	2,931,573	9,736,770	135,147 01	7,980 00	8,771 16	151,898 17	14 80
1891..	3923	6,874,200	2,838,458	9,762,658	145,719 36	6,840 00	9,536 63	162,095 99	15 80
1892..	3827	6,873,300	2,723,805	9,597,105	150,199 02	8,100 00	9,536 63	167,925 65	16 70
1893..	3912	6,980,200	2,725,328	9,705,528	150,004 38	11,700 00	11,113 70	172,818 08	17 00
1894..	3888	7,055,400	2,700,677	9,756,077	140,473 58	9,360 00	11,112 83	160,946 41	15 70
1895..	3945	7,129,050	2,620,450	9,749,500	151,013 21	6,735 00	11,008 53	168,756 74	16 50
1896..	3993	7,137,500	2,630,040	9,767,540	151,243 79	7,857 50	10,049 12	169,150 41	16 50
1897..	3915	7,179,300	2,593,674	9,682,974	138,594 57	7,857 50	10,495 73	156,947 80	15 40

*The assessors' overlays are included in these amounts.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

OF THE

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The overseers of the poor, to whom is committed a general oversight and care of the poor in all of its departments, would respectfully submit their nineteenth annual report:

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The total cost of the poor department for the year ending Nov. 30, 1897, has been \$23,356.61. This includes \$6,973.82 paid for the support of insane, an expense over which the board has no control; \$2,493.72 for fuel; \$180.00 improvements at the almshouse; \$400.00 for medicine, and \$300.00 for physician's salary.

The income received during the year from various sources, \$4,987.63, showing the actual amount expended by the overseers of the poor to have been \$18,368.98, from which should be taken the improvements on the almshouse property \$180.00, leaving the actual cost of caring for our poor, \$18,188.98, which is \$194.27 more than last year.

For aid given to poor, settlement in Boston.....	\$143 28
“ “ “ “ Salem.....	287 10
“ “ “ “ Taunton.....	107 25
“ “ “ “ Haverhill....	205 25
“ “ “ “ Lowell.....	75 65
“ “ “ “ Brockton....	306 05
“ “ “ “ Malden.	18 00
“ “ “ “ Amesbury ..	268 60
“ “ “ “ Merrimac ...	105 75
“ “ “ “ Truro	20 25
“ “ “ “ Georgetown	138 00
“ “ “ “ Salisbury....	365 68
“ “ “ “ Avon.....	38 00
“ “ “ “ Mansfield....	12 43
“ “ “ “ Newbury....	13 50
“ “ “ “ Norwood ...	1 80
“ “ “ “ Lynnfield ...	38 25
W. H. Bayley, clerk, returned aid.....	957 69
Sundry persons for board.....	1,269 84
Sale of produce	185 87
Sale of barrels.....	29 30
Sale of hay.....	215 44
Sale of ice.....	50 00
State of Mass. pauper account.....	134 65
	\$4,987 63
Appropriation.....	18,500 00
	\$23, 487 63

DETAILED STATEMENT.

There has been expended for the poor residing in the almshouse.....	\$ 3,265 07
Salaries.....	2,862 42
Insane.....	6,973 82
For relief of poor, outside the almshouse.....	5,977 22
Paid for fuel.....	2,493 72
Almshouse improvements.....	180 00
Medicine.....	400 00
Paid other towns, aid to poor, settlement here...	1,204 36
	\$23,356 61
Less income received.....	4,987 63
	\$18,368 78
Less improvements at almshouse.....	180 00
Net cost of poor department.....	\$18,188 78
Appropriation, \$18,500; undrawn, \$131.02.	

ALMSHOUSE.

The almshouse during the past year has continued under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nelson, one or more of the overseers of the poor visiting the house every few days.

An average of 41 persons have resided in the almshouse during the year at an average cost of \$2.07 each per week.

Jan. 1, 1897, inmates at the almshouse, 27 males, 20 females, 47.

Jan. 1, 1898, 26 males, 17 females, 43.

INSANE.

The cost to the city for the care of its insane, and of children in the school for the feeble minded, has increased during the past year.

1896, amount paid for support of insane.....	\$5,987	35
1897, " " " "	6,973	82

There are now in Danvers asylum 23 persons, at Westborough 1 person; Worcester 4 persons; Medfield 11 persons; private family, 1 person. Making 40 insane who are supported at this date, Dec. 31, 1897.

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Outside relief, which last year was granted to 277 persons, this year has been granted to 423 persons, and are classed as follows; 322 having a settlement in Newburyport; 68 having a settlement in other places, and 18 having no settlement in the state; 15 persons have been sent out of the city. Making a total of 423 persons who have been assisted during the past year.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the report of the city physician for the year 1897:

I have made at the home of the patients 1001 visits, and have received at my office 154 visits, making a total of 1155 visits during the year.

There have been 11 deaths during the past year among the poor of the city from the following causes:

Old age.....	2
Heart disease.....	2
Gastro enteritis.....	1
Chronic nephritis.....	1
Tubercular merrignitis.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1
Cancer of uterus.....	1
Cancer of stomach.....	1
Cancer of aesophagus.....	1

There have been 8 births during the year—6 male and 2 female—all outside of the almshouse.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. DAY, City Physician.

PRODUCTS OF CITY FARM.

The products of the city farm during the past year were 56 tons hay, 100 bushels corn, 63 barrels onions, 500 cabbages, 25 bushels potatoes, 6 bushels dry beans, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton squash, 15 bushels turnip, 50 bushels beets, 50 bushels carrots, 25 ton ensilage, 1 ton straw, and 30 bushels oats, with green corn, peas, string beans and tomatoes enough to supply the almshouse with all the vegetables they needed.

1000 lbs. of butter have been made, 5080 lbs. of hogs have been dressed, and 350 lbs. of lard have been rendered.

All the labor upon the farm has been performed by the inmates of the almshouse under the direction of Mr. Lyman W. Lord, who has had charge of the farm for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. SARGENT,	} Overseers of the Poor.
B. F. HATHAWAY,	
L. W. BROWN,	

WILLIAM H. BAYLEY, Clerk.

ATWOOD AND DEXTER FUNDS.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The board of overseers of the poor to whom is entrusted the income accruing from these funds, would respectfully report that the income from the Dexter fund for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, amounting to \$90, has been divided among the three overseers, \$30 to each.

The income from the Atwood fund, \$307.50, has been divided in a similar manner, giving \$102.50 to each overseer, and has been distributed according to the will of the donors in the following manner.

DEXTER FUND.

In wards one and two, the \$30 of the Dexter fund, nothing remaining over from last year, has been distributed among ten persons, from \$1 to \$5 each, leaving nothing on hand of this fund at the close of the year.

In wards three and four, the \$30 of the Dexter fund, nothing remaining over from last year, has been distributed among 12 persons, in sums from fifty cents to five dollars each, leaving nothing on hand of this fund at the close of the year.

In wards five and six, the \$30 of the Dexter fund has been distributed among 16 persons, in sums from one to three dollars each, leaving fifty cents of this fund on hand at the close of the year.

ATWOOD FUND.

In wards one and two, the income from the Atwood fund, \$102.50, with \$42.23 remaining on hand at the close of last year, \$144.73 has been distributed among 40 persons, in sums of one to five dollars each, leaving \$46.25 on hand at the close of the year.

In wards three and four, the income from the Atwood fund \$102.50, with \$46.23 remaining over from last year, \$148.73 has been distributed among 46 persons, in sums from one to three dollars each, leaving \$19.58 of this fund, which has been delivered to W. F. Houston, Esq., the new elected overseer.

In wards five and six, the income from the Atwood fund, \$102.50, with \$63.00 remaining on hand from last year, \$165.50 has been distributed among 30 persons, in sums from fifty cents to five dollars each, leaving \$48.25 of this fund on hand at the close of the year.

At the close of the year Dec. 31, 1897, there remained in the hands of the overseers :

Wards one and two, Atwood fund.....	\$46 25
“ three and four, “ “	19 58
“ five and six, “ “	48 25
“ “ “ Dexter fund	50

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. SARGENT,	} Overseers of the Poor.
B. F. HATHAWAY,	
L. W. BROWN,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department

OF THE

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

*To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the
City Council:*

In compliance with the requirements of Section 12 of the rules and regulations governing the fire department of the city I herewith submit to you my third annual report of the condition and work performed by this department for the year ending December 31, 1897, together with a list of members with their rank, age, residence and occupation, location of fire alarm boxes, a statement of receipts and expenditures, fires and alarms, losses and insurance as near as could be ascertained, and such suggestions as I think will be necessary for the good of the department. The department is in fine condition and the force under good discipline. The members have been prompt in responding to alarms and by their quick work have prevented what might have been more serious fires.

The members of the department have been very fortunate during the year as regards accidents.

FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the department consists of one chief, three assistants, one permanent man and eighty call men.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus consists of three second class Amoskeag steam fire engines fully equipped, five hose wagons, two hook and ladder trucks (one in commission and one in reserve) one supply wagon and one four-wheeled hose reel, all in good repair.

HOUSES.

The houses of the department are all in good repair with the exception of hose seven's.

HORSES.

We have one pair of horses hired which I believe has been a great help to the department and I should recommend to still continue with them.

HARNESSES.

There are four sets of double and six single harnesses all in good repair.

HOSE.

There are 9,500 feet of 2½ inch cotton rubber-lined hose in the department, most of which is in good condition, but I should recommend the purchase of 500 feet to replace that which has been sold and worn out the last year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply from the hydrants remains the same as last year, but with our other sources of supply I feel assured that we have a sufficient quantity for any emergency.

HYDRANTS.

We have about one hundred and seventy hydrants, most of which are in good condition.

RESERVOIRS.

We have seventeen reservoirs fed from Frog pond, which have never failed to give a good supply.

FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm is in good condition, never having failed to respond correctly to the box pulled. Two new boxes have been added to the system this year and I would recommend the addition of more. The committee have voted to adopt the storage system which I believe is a wise conclusion, both for economy and convenience.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF BOXES.

12. Corner Water and Marlboro.
14. Purchase, opposite Harrison.
17. Corner Bromfield and Prospect.
23. Corner Water and Salem.
25. Corner Lime and Purchase.
26. Steamer 2's House.
27. Peabody Mills' office.
31. Corner Middle and Fair.
32. Boston & Maine freight station, Pond street.
33. Parker street, railroad crossing.
34. State near Pleasant.
35. Police station.
41. Corner Winter and Washington.
42. Russell's foundry.
45. Corner Pleasant and Titcomb.
51. Steamer 3's house.
52. Corner High and Olive.
53. Tappan street.

- 61. Merrimac near silver factory.
- 62. Corner High and Tyng.
- 63. Hose 7's house.
- 64. Corner High and Ashland.
- 65. Merrimac, near Jefferson.
- 67. Electric car stables.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

I feel it my duty to call your attention to the location of fire alarm boxes, believing it should be a matter of common education to every citizen to know their location and understand the manner of giving an alarm.

HALE FUND.

The Hale fund for injured firemen amounts to \$6,322.93. The firemen have been very fortunate this year and the draft on this fund has been but \$12.00.

SICK BENEFIT FUND.

The sick benefit fund amounts to \$1,024.96. This fund has received a donation of \$100.00 from Alexander D. Brown.

We have paid out since May 1, \$200.75.

RUNNING TIME.

The running time of the department has been changed to comply with the request of the insurance underwriters.

The rules and regulations are the same as last year.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation.....	\$9,500 00	
Credits.....	96 88	
		\$9,596 88
Expenditures.....		9,594 44
Undrawn.....		\$2 44

Schedule of all the Fires Which Occurred in the City of Newburyport, DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date.	Box.	Time.	Street.	Occupied as.	Occupied by.	Loss.	Insurance.	Insurance paid.	Cause of fire.
Feb. 3	63	10.30 p. m.	Jefferson	Dwelling	Michael Coffill	....	\$1,400 00	\$ 569.25	Defective chimney
Feb. 10	35	10.15 p. m.	Market Sq.	Drug store	A. J. Casey	....	3,950.00	25.16	Overheated lamp
April 3	42	1.30 a. m.	Boardman	Dwelling	Mrs. Chas. Post	....	800.00	50.00	Unknown
April 12	31	10. 30 a. m.	Fruit	Dwelling	Wm. P. Safford	....	4,000.00	312.00	Draperies Gas
April 13	61	7.45 p. m.	Warren	Dwelling	J. Dawson	....	500.00	15.00	Lamp tipped over
May 26	34	9.58 a. m.	State	Barber shop	C. W. Ladd	....	17,550 00	3,468.34	Overheated lamp
June 4	35	3.15 p. m.	Water	Coal pocket	P. & R. R. Co	None			Lighting
June 28	26	5.47 p. m.	Orange	Dwelling	H. P. Macintosh, jr	None			Lighting
July 19	12	3.25 a. m.	Water	Store	L. Phinney	....	800.00	396.78	Mice and matches
July 24	32	1.09 p. m.	Parker	Dwelling, barn	P. T. Winkley	....	2,100.00	1,068.00	Lightning
Aug. 6	31	10.15 p. m.	Liberty	Stable	F. H. Plummer	....	1,000.00	25.00	Incendiary
Aug. 10	26	4.30 a. m.	Lime	Dwelling	John Brown	....	500 00	24.00	Defective chimney
Sept. 5	17	1.25 p. m.	Parson	Dwelling	A. Currier, jr.,	....	500.00	200.00	Overheated stove
Sept. 9	32	9.35 p. m.	Fulton	Brick Mf'g	Thos. Nickerson	None			
Sept. 15	41	11.25 a. m.	Boardman	Dwelling	I. Rotkovy	\$300.00	350.00		Cigarette
Sept. 22	41	2.30 p. m.	Boardman	Dwelling	G. H. Cutter	....	500.00	46.70	Unknown
Oct. 31	62	4.30 a. m.	Oakland	Henery	Daniel Casey	....	200.00	150.00	Incendiary
Nov. 2	31	3.13 p. m.	Middle	Dwelling	D. Abramson	....	500.00	160.00	Children, matches
Nov. 23	45	1.25 a. m.	Merrimac	Hotel	J. P. L. Wescott	....	1,000.00	87.50	Cigar
Dec 2	34	10.55 a. m.	Pleasant	Furniture store	C. F. A. Walcott	....	8,000.00	3 870.74	Overheated stove
Dec 8	12	8.50 a. m.	Water	Dwelling	Mrs. Thurlow	....	1,500.00	50.00	Gasoline on stove
							\$44,250.00	\$10,518.47	

44 still alarms in addition to the above have been attended by the board of engineers and permanent man.

Committee on Fire Department of City Council.

1897.

ALDERMEN.

Henry J. Noyes.....63 Bromfield street
 William C. Coffin.....272 High street
 Abram A. Crabtree.....35 Winter street

COUNCILMEN.

Arthur P. Brown.....9 Orange street
 Charles W. Johnson.....2 Johnson street
 Job Weston.....Jefferson court
 William McKay.....65 Merrimac street

Board of Engineers.

Chief Engineer.....Hiram H. Landford, 23½ Purchase street
 First Assistant.....John N. Carter, 24 Olive street
 Second Assistant....Elmer H. Whitmore, 276 Merrimac street
 Third Assistant.....John P. Atkinson, 18 Fair street

Clerk of Board—John P. Atkinson.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm—Hiram H. Landford.

STEAMER AND HOSE I.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captain G. L. Richardson...	41	Mill operative,	Fair street
Lieut. George A. Banks...	30	Motorman,	Oakland street
Clerk E. P. Chase	43	Engineer,	Madison street
Treasurer A. F. Young....	43	Teamster,	Allen street
Steward S. L. Truesdale...	30	Shoemaker,	Merrimac street
Engineer C. W. Adams....	49	Engineer,	Pond street
Ass't " J. E. Lawrence...	43	Shoemaker,	Federal street
Hosemen G. A. Young....	38	Shoemaker,	Charter street
" G. N. Ellery.....	39	Machinist,	Bromfield street
" A. J. Hussey....	25	Silversmith,	Market street
" R. E. Hart.....	25	Shoe cutter,	Middle street
" W. H. Chase....	38	Shoe cutter,	Oakland street
" J. O. Evans.....	25	Shoe cutter,	Tyng street
" J. E. Russell....	32	Shoemaker,	Prospect street
" E. P. Allen.....	43	Permanent man	South Pond st.

STEAMER AND HOSE 2.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captain W. W. Hutchins....	51	Shoemaker,	School street.
Lieut. T. E. Colman.....	39	Engineer,	Lime street.
Clerk C. S. Blake.....	45	Painter,	Liberty street.
Treasurer C. S. Blake.....	45	Painter,	Liberty street.
Steward George N. Black....	60	Painter,	Bromfield st.
Engineer F. W. Landford....	39	Engineer,	Federal street.
Ass't Engineer C. S. Blake..	45	Painter,	Liberty street.
Hoseman C. W. Turner....	51	Planer,	School street.
“ J. C. M. Blaisdell,	51	Shoe cutter,	Temple street.
“ G. H. D. Leighton,	43	Shoe cutter,	Bromfield st.
“ George Parker....	33	Shoe cutter,	Parsons street.
“ F. E. Thurlow....	37	Shoe cutter,	Chestnut street.
“ J. A. Bean.....	61	Mill operative,	Fair street.
“ J. L. Thurlow....	40	Shoe cutter,	Marlboro st.
“ E. C. Langlands..	38	Clerk,	Union street.
“ C. H. M. Bartlett,	48	Carpenter,	Prospect street.

STEAMER AND HOSE 3.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captain C. W. Brown.....	31	Silversmith,	Low street.
Lieut. F. Marston.....	29	Silversmith,	Oakland street.
Clerk J. W. Frost.....	31	Shoe cutter,	Collins court.
Treasurer J. W. Frost.....	31	Shoe cutter,	Collins court.
Steward W. Bradbury.....	38	Shoe cutter,	Olive street.
Engineer F. E. Davis.....	50	Machinist,	Broad street.
Ass't " George Ross.....	31	Machinist,	Congress street.
Hoseman A. P. Lewis.....	53	News dealer,	Carter street.
" E. Hardy.....	36	Shoe cutter,	Merrimac st.
" J. H. Morrison...36		Shoe cutter,	Merrimac st.
" C. W. White....22		Shoe cutter,	Merrimac st.
" J. Brock.....28		Shoe cutter,	Warren street.
" Samuel Chase....28		Painter,	Olive street.
" A. Roaf.....30		Shoe cutter,	Johnson street.
" J. H. Page.....33		Hatter,	Griffin court.
" W. T. Town....24		Shoe cutter,	Merrimac st.

HOOK AND LADDER I.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captain W. B. Frost.....	32	Planer,	Federal street.
Lieutenant E. C. Reed.....	36	Laundry,	Orange street.
Clerk W. P. Phillips.....	34	Clerk,	Temple street.
Treasurer W. P. Phillips...	34	Clerk,	Temple street.
Steward A. C. Hall.....	36	Conductor,	Water street.
Ladderman E. C. Tyler....	36	Shoe cutter,	Washington st.
“ George Osborn..	30	Shoe cutter,	Temple street.
“ L. G. Bradbury..	38	Shoe cutter,	Federal street.
“ E. C. Lang.....	30	Laster,	Munroe street.
“ G. P. Peckham..	27	Shoe cutter,	Prospect street.
“ J. A. Wilson....	29	Fisherman,	Water street.
“ J. F. Sullivan....	29	Clerk,	Federal street.
“ J. B. Butler.....	30	Conductor,	Temple street.
“ H. Currier.....	34	Laster,	Temple street.
“ T. W. Devine....	23	Shoemaker,	Merrimac st.
“ C. H. Tucker....	42	Shoemaker,	Boardman st.

HOSE 7.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captian J. R. Lewis.....	38	Shoemaker,	Jackson street.
Lieutenant Charles Genn...	34	Shoemaker,	Middle street.
Clerk F. W. Merrill.....	29	Shoe cutter,	Walnut street.
Treasurer W. G. Somerby.	35	Stock fitter,	Forrester street.
Steward T. W. Mitchell...	40	Shoemaker,	Ashland street.
Hoseman Edward Jackman,	28	Shoemaker,	Ashland street.
“ E. E. Towne....	36	Ins. Agent,	Merrimac st.
“ F. Huntington...	44	Carriage trim.	
“ F. R. Ives.....	42	Hatter,	Merrimac st.
“ George A. Coffin,	38	Shoemaker,	Jefferson court.

HOSE 8.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Captain W. B. Porter.....	58	Teamster,	Lunt street.
Lieut. W. W. Woodman...	33	Shoemaker,	Oak street.
Clerk G. W. Stanwood....	42	Silversmith,	Neptune street.
Steward C. A. Caswell....	39	Fisherman,	Purchase st.
Hoseman L. S. Hilton....	59	Heel cutter,	Union street.
“ W. S. Porter....	39	Teamster,	Hancock street.
“ W. H. H. Perkins	50	Fish dealer,	Union street.
“ F. McBernie....	29	Shoemaker,	Union street.
“ D. W. Jackman.	38	Silversmith,	Marlboro st.
“ A. Russell.....	33	Clerk,	Marlboro st.

EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1885.

	Appropriation	Expenditures	Undrawn	Overdrawn
1885.....	\$ 8,725 91	\$ 8,089 52	\$636 39	
1886.....	7,933 80	7,913 58	20 22	
1887.....	7,054 90	7,268 43		\$ 213 53
1888.....	7,677 40	8,857 42		1,180 02
1889.....	6,766 01	7,932 60		1,166 59
1890.....	6,550 25	6,712 09		161 84
1891.....	7,000 00	8,592 30		1,159 30
1892.....	10,205 44	11,704 02		1,498 58
1893.....	8,023 93	9,864 71		1,840 78
1894.....	9,500 00	9,150 25	349 75	
1895.....	9,090 00	9,216 89		171 89
1896.....	9,903 60	9,302 14	601 46	
1897.....	9,596 88	9,594 44	2 44	

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to thank His Honor the Mayor and gentlemen of the City Council of 1897 for courtesies and co-operation. My thanks are especially due to the committee on fire department for the interest they have taken in the welfare of the department.

To the city marshal and members of the police force I am truly grateful to them for the able manner in which they have performed their duties.

My associate engineers and the officers and members of the department I extend to them my gratitude for their promptness and efficiency in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM H. LANDFORD, Chief Dept.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY SOLICITOR
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of Newburyport:

Your committee on claims, which it has been a part of my duty to assist, has considered and disposed of the following cases during the past year:

Claim of Max J. deRochemont for damage to sleigh. Petitioner given leave to withdraw.

Claim of William H. Haskell of Merrimac for taking a strip of his land on Winter street for the purpose of widening said street, settled by the payment of one hundred dollars, in consideration of a warranty deed from Mr. Haskell to the city, of the land taken.

Claim of Susan C. Manning for injuries sustained by reason of a defect in the sidewalk upon Green street, referred to the mayor and city solicitor, and settled by the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars to the claimant.

Claim of the South End Gun Club for damage to its property on Water street caused by water flowing from the street into its cellar, settled by the payment of twenty-five dollars.

Claim of Edward L. Toppan, amounting to forty dollars and forty-nine cents, said sum of money being paid by him for taxes upon land assessed to him and of which he was not the owner, settled by the refunding of said amount of money to Mr. Toppan.

Claim of James Leonord for damages to his premises on Prospect street on account of water overflowing the sidewalk and running into his yard and cellar was considered by the committee, and the claimant given leave to withdraw.

Claim of Edwin F. Hunt for damages sustained by reason of an alleged defect of a city culvert which allowed water to overflow his premises, settled by the payment of ten dollars, and permission being given by the claimant to the city to lay a culvert across his premises to prevent further damage in the future.

Claim of Edward O'Connor for damages to his horse, carriage and harness at Chain bridge settled by the payment of twenty-five dollars.

Claim of Mary Mannix for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in the sidewalk on Lime street was considered by the committee and no final action has been taken.

At the present time there are but two suits pending in court against the city, one, that of Mary Fenton of Lynn, the other that of Humphrey Coffey, now or formerly of Salisbury. These suits are both trivial in character and will probably never be

pressed to trial by the plaintiffs. Reference has been made to both in previous reports.

The suit of Cornelius Toomey against the city, an action for permanent personal injuries, alleging damages in the sum of ten thousand dollars, was tried in the superior court October last and was disposed of by a verdict in favor of the city.

Disbursements during year ending December 31, 1897 \$27 60

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. BURKE, City Solicitor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Drawtender of the Newburyport Bridge

1897.

REPORT.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 26, 1897.

To the Committee on Bridges and Culverts:

GENTLEMEN:—The total number of steamers, sailing vessels, and sailboats passing through the draw was 1489 against 1774 in 1896. The first opening was on the 25th of March, for the tug Hazel Dell, the last for the tug Clara E. Uhler, on the 24th of December, viz:

Tug Bronx.....	381
Tug Clara E. Uhler.....	144
Tug Hazel Dell.....	191
Steamer Merrimac.....	316
Steam yacht Dora.....	54
Transients.....	73
Sailboats.....	156
Vessels.....	174
Total.....	1,489
Coal in vessels.....	22,238 tons
Stone.....	330 “
Fertilizer.....	300 “

I have consumed the following supplies, viz:

Coal.....	4,500 lbs.
Sperm oil.....	2 gals.
Machine oil.....	2 gals.
Matches.....	12 bundles.
Kerosene oil.....	15 gals.
Lumber	2,707 feet.
Nails.....	152 lbs..
Lamp chimneys.....	6

I would beg leave to call the committee's attention to the condition of the draw. It will certainly need to be put in good working order before another season opens.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM I. HUNT, Drawtender.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CITY MARSHAL

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

*To his honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The whole number of arrests during the year ending December 31, 1897, for offences committed within the city of Newburyport is 581, of which 176 were of foreign birth, 405 were born within the limits of the United States, 34 were females and seventy-eight were minors.

ARRESTS WERE FOR THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:

Assault and battery.....	31
Assault.....	2
Adultery.....	2
Runaway boys.....	3
Bastardy.....	1
Breaking and entering and larceny.....	20
Breaking and entering.....	2
Cruelty to dumb animals.....	3
Common drunkard.....	1
Disturbing religious meeting.....	1
Capias on default.....	1
Drunkenness.....	363

Defaulted.....	3
Disturbing the peace.....	41
Escaped prisoners.....	2
Evading fare.....	1
Embezzlement.....	1
Fornication.....	2
Fast driving.....	1
Unlawfully riding bicycle on sidewalk.....	2
For out-of-town officers, runaway boys.....	3
Gaming on Lord's day.....	7
Fighting.....	1
Insane.....	4
Larceny.....	37
Publishing obscene and immoral literature.....	1
Neglect of family.....	3
Malicious mischief.....	5
Receiving stolen goods.....	1
On suspicion.....	2
Safe-keeping.....	2
Stealing a ride.....	2
Stubborn and disobedient.....	2
Tramps.....	2
Threatening language.....	1
Vagrancy and tramp.....	5
Violation of the city ordinances.....	17
Violation of the game law.....	1
Violation of liquor law.....	2

 581

DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Appealed.....	6
Bound over to Superior court.....	7
Cases continued.....	8
Committed for non-payment of fine.....	119
Committed to state reform school.....	1

CITY MARSHAL.

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Committed to Danvers Hospital.....	5
Discharged without complaint.....	5
Discharged by Court.....	36
Fined and paid.....	153
House of Correction.....	28
Newburyport Workhouse....	2
Ordered to pay costs.....	5
Put on probation.....	117
Placed on file.....	30
Sent to jail.....	26
Turned over to other officers.....	8
Turned over to parents.....	5
Concord Reformatory.....	2
Sherborn Reformatory.....	1
Bailed on call.....	5
Anna Jaques Hospital.....	1
State Board of Lunacy and Charities.....	3
State farm at Bridgewater.....	6
Defaulted.....	2
Total.....	581

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amount of property reported lost.....	\$ 670 65
Amount of property recovered.....	543 06
Amount of imprisonment imposed...48 years, 4 months, 20 days	
Accidents reported.....	31
Assisted other officers.....	6
Buildings found open and secured.....	129
Complaints investigated.....	1,159
Defective places in streets reported.....	90
Dogs killed.....	3
Disturbances suppressed without arrest.....	190
Escorts furnished processions.....	3
Fire alarms given.....	3

Fires extinguished without alarm.....	6
Injured persons assisted.....	11
Intoxicated persons helped home.....	104
Lights furnished for dangerous places.....	67
Lost children restored to parents.....	36
Meals furnished lodgers and prisoners....	2,408
Nuisances investigated.....	9
Officers for extra duty.....	40
Officers for extra duty at City Hall.....	77
Persons provided with lodgings.....	1,824
Search warrant for liquor served.....	3
Street obstructions removed.....	174
Stray teams put up.....	6
Workhouse.....	1
Notified to shovel snow.....	94
Street lights reported out.....	34
Money taken from and delivered to prisoners.....	\$577 73

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. LATTIME,

Acting City Marshal during month of December.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 21, 1897.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The board of assessors respectfully report the following statement of taxes for state, county and city purposes for the current year:

Assessed value of real estate.....	\$7,179,300 00
Assessed value of personal property	2,114,500 00
Resident bank shares.....	389,174 00
	\$9,682,974 00

The rate of taxation for the year 1897 was \$15.40 on each \$1,000 assessed, the poll tax \$2. Whole number polls assessed 3,915.

Tax on real estate \$7,179,300	
at \$15.40 is.....	\$ 110,561 22
Tax on personal estate \$2,114,500	
at \$15.40 is.....	32,563 30
Tax on bank shares \$389,174 at	
\$15.40 is.....	5,993 28
Tax on 3,915 polls at \$2.....	7,830 00
	\$156,947 80

The sums required by the state, county and city are as follows:

From Edward P. Shaw, state treasurer.....	\$ 7,857 50	
From E. Kendall Jenkins, county treasurer.....	10,495 73	
From George H. Stevens, city clerk, under a resolve from the City Council..	\$168,500 00	
Less this sum not otherwise appropriated.....	32,000 00	
		\$136,500 00
The amount of overlay being....	1,707 51	
The amount of additional assessments.....	387 06	
		\$156,947 80

The value of vessels engaged in the foreign trade exempt by law amounting to \$60,659.52, is not included in the valuation of personal property first mentioned, there being no income, makes a loss of \$1,528.00 as compared with last year.

The number of vessels engaged in the foreign carrying trade May 1, 1897, and parts owned in this city consisted of 3 ships and 5 barks.

The value of exempted property is as follows:

Religious societies, real estate.....	\$299,500 00
Literary institutions, real estate.....	125,300 00
Literary institutions, invested funds..	114,748 79
Benefit and charitable institutions, real estate.....	53,300 00
Benefit and charitable institutions, in- vested funds.....	300,815 30
	\$893,664 09

The number of dwelling houses assessed, 2,692; number of acres of land assessed, 4,576; number of residents assessed on property, individuals, 1,729; all others, 276; number of non-residents assessed on property, individuals, 215; all others, 46; total number assessed on property, 2,266; total number assessed for poll tax only, 2,680; total number of tax payers, 4,946; value of buildings assessed, excluding land, \$4,876,800; value of land, excluding buildings, \$2,289,400; number of horses assessed, 657; cows, 249.

AMOS H. GEARY,	} Assessors.
J. OTIS WINKLEY,	
JOSEPH L. JOHNSON,	

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TRUST FUNDS
1897.

REPORT.

SIMPSON FUND.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
DECEMBER 18, 1897. }

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council of
the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit a
a report of the condition of the Simpson fund at the
close of the financial year ending at date, in accord-
ance with city ordinance.

Total funds, December 19, 1896.....	\$20,000 00
Interest on investment in 1896.....	900 00
	20,900 00
Paid to City of Newburyport for watering streets dur- ing year 1897.....	900 00
Total funds December 18, 1897.....	20,000 00
Invested as follows:	
City of Newburyport note, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	\$20,000 00

JAMES V. FELKER,
Treasurer.

FOLLANSBEE FUND.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Trustees of the Follansbee Fund:

GENTLEMEN: - The following is the twenty-fourth annual report of the Follansbee fund, showing condition of the fund, income therefrom, and a statement of distribution of said income for the year 1897.

Fund invested as follows:

City note at 4%, interest payable semi-annually.....	\$3,000 00
Deposit in Five Cents Savings Bank..	120 00
Deposit in Institution for Savings....	30 00
	\$3,150 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance from 1896.....	\$18 32
Interest on note payable in March....	60 00
Interest on note payable in September	60 00
	\$138 32

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Atkinson Coal Co., on aldermen's orders.....	\$136 25
Unexpended balance to new account.....	\$2 07

Distributed by wards as follows :

Ward one.....	\$25 75
“ two.....	23 00
“ three.....	13 50
“ four.....	26 25
“ five.....	22 50
“ six.....	25 25

\$136 25

The amount of coal distributed 33,000 lbs. (16½ tons,) 52 cord feet of pine wood, sawed and split (6½ cords.)

Total number of orders issued by the different aldermen, 33, to twenty-six different families or individuals varying from \$2.50 to \$4.75.

Nineteen persons or families supplied once and seven were supplied twice.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. STEVENS, Treasurer.

ATKINSON SCHOOL FUND.

*To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on the Atkinson School Fund would respectfully report that it appears from the annual statement presented by the treasurer of the board of trustees of said fund, Hon. Benjamin Hale, for the year 1897, the fund is invested as follows:

INVESTMENT.

20 shares Merchants National Bank...	\$ 400 00
7 shares Ocean National Bank.....	350 00
10 acres salt marsh, more or less, in Salisbury.....	
3¾ rights in Common Pasture.....	
Deposit in Savings Institution and Bank	2,233 00

INCOME.

Bank dividends (national).....	36 00
Rebate of bank tax.....	12 90
Received for cow rights, J. T. Merrill..	25 00
Rent of salt marsh.....	7 00

\$80 90

EXPENSE.

Paid two teachers for fifty evening's service.....	\$104 16
Care of lamps and lighting same.....	5 00
Oil and chimneys.....	1 74

110 90

It appears from the above statement that an evening school was maintained in ward six for fifty evenings, taught by two competent teachers at an expense, including incidentals, of \$110.90.

To meet this expenditure but a small portion of the income from the deposit in the Savings Institution was required. The balance of the income on said deposit goes to increase the fund.

HENRY J. NOYES,
ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
JAMES D. LEWIS,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

BROMFIELD FUND.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on Bromfield fund respectfully submit the following report on the condition of said fund and the disposition made of the income therefrom for the year ending December 31, 1897.

INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

\$10,000 in Hospital Life Insurance Company, Boston, at 4% per annum, payable January.

INCOME.

Balance from 1896, for trees.....	\$ 6 14	
One half of income from fund.....	200 00	
		\$206 14
Balance from 1896, for sidewalks.....	\$15 77	
One half of income from fund.....	200 00	
		\$215 77 .

EXPENDITURES.

TREE DEPARTMENT.

John Ronan, for furnishing and planting trees.....	\$118 00	
Thomas Marshall, cutting and trimming....	25 40	
Cephas Forman, trimming.....	5 10	
J. B. Gaddis, "	7 70	
Charles Allen, "	15 60	
Fred Macdonald, "	12 80	
R. C. McConnell, "	3 00	
Sundry persons, "	5 00	
		\$192 60
Balance to new account on trees.....		13 54

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.

City of Newburyport, assessment on sundry estates.....	\$194 74	
C. H. Meader, sidewalk Hoyt estate, State street.....	6 55	
		\$201 29
Balance to new account of sidewalks.....		\$14 48

In accordance with the terms of the bequest, one half of the income is to be expended on shade trees for our public streets, and one half to the improving of sidewalks.

During the year, fifty-nine shade trees were planted in various parts of the city on the request of owners of estates.

What costs nothing sometimes does not get much care or attention; if the trees annually planted had some protection when

young, more of them would doubtless survive the attack of mischievous boys or men and irresponsible horses.

Many of the reasons advanced for the removal of shade trees that have withstood attacks of every nature for a generation are too trivial to be listened to with patience, yet the desired permission is often too easily obtained, the tree doomed. All persons in authority are not always lovers of shade trees and when one of them gets in his work it means a sad loss to the whole community.

The assessments for sidewalk improvements adjoining a considerable number of estates ordered in by the mayor and aldermen have been met from the income of this fund during the past year, in some cases the whole amount assessed, in others a portion, but in no case to relieve said estates from liability for their proportion of repairs hereafter, said proportion to be in accordance with the amount advanced from the income of this fund.

WILLIAM C. COFFIN,
BENJAMIN P. IRELAND,
ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

GREEN FUND.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen, in whose care and custody the Green fund is held in trust for the benefit of the public library, respectfully presents the following report of the condition of the fund and the disposition made of the income therefrom.

INVESTMENT.

City Note at 4%, interest payable semi-annually.....\$2,000 00

INCOME.

Interest payable February.....	\$40 00	
Interest payable August.....	40 00	
		\$80 00

By order of the committee the income was paid to the directors of the public library, to be by them expended in the purchase of works on American History, and especially in the collection of histories of New England towns, in accordance with the will of the donor.

For more particular details with reference to the expenditure of the income, reference may be had to the annual report of the directors of the public library.

ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
HENRY J. NOYES,
BENJAMIN P. IRELAND,

Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

ABRAHAM WILLIAMS FUND.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on the Abraham Williams fund held in trust by the board of aldermen for the benefit of the public library of this city herewith respectfully submit the following report in accordance with provisions of rules and regulations adopted for the care and custody of such funds.

INVESTMENT.

City note at 4%, interest payable annually.....	\$1,000 00
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INCOME.

Paid by order of the committee to the directors of the public library.....	\$40 00
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The donor made no stipulation as to the application of the income from this fund. For further information touching this matter the annual report of the directors of the public library is referred to.

ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
WILLIAM C. COFFIN,
HENRY J. NOYES,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

BROWN FUND.

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The joint standing committee of the City Council on Brown fund, in accordance with the provisions of rule 3, of rules and regulations in relation to trust funds, under the control of the City Council, herewith present the following report:

INVESTMENT.

City note at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, interest payable annually in	
March.....	\$15,000 00

Your committee would further respectfully report that the annual income amounting to \$675.00 has been paid for the year 1897 and placed by the City Treasurer to the credit of the school department to be applied by the school committee to the support of a grammar school in compliance with the terms of the will of the late Moses Brown, the donor.

Alderman ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
Councilman JERE B. LUNT,
Councilman ANDREW ROAF,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

FROTHINGHAM FUND.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on Frothingham fund, held in trust by the board of aldermen for the benefit of the public library, herewith present the annual report on the condition of the fund and the disposition made of the income therefrom.

INVESTMENT.

City note at 4%, payable annually in January..... \$1,000 00

INCOME.

Interest at 4%, paid in January..... \$40 00

By order of the committee the income from the Frothingham fund was paid to the directors of the public library "to be used for new, useful books for the increase of the library, " in accordance with the will of the donor, the late Joseph A. Frothingham. For more definite information reference can be had to the annual report of the directors of the public library.

JAMES D. LEWIS,
ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
WILLIAM C. COFFIN,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

W. O. MOSELEY FUND.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The committee of the board on the William O. Moseley, fund held in trust by the board of aldermen of the City of Newburyport for the benefit of the public library, would respectfully report the condition of the said fund and the disposition they have made of the income thereof.

INVESTMENT.

City of Newburyport note, dated May 1, 1896 at 4%,
interest payable semi-annually.....\$10,000 00

INCOME.

Interest payable in May, 1897.....	\$200 00	
Interest payable in Nov., 1897.....	200 00	
	————	\$400 00

By order of the committee the above income was paid over to the directors of the public library.

For the application of the income from this fund reference may be had to the annual report of the directors of the public library. In the expenditure of the income anything for the benefit of the public library would seem to be admissible; the donor of the bequest making no limitations.

ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
WILLIAM C. COFFIN,
HENRY J. NOYES,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

TOPPAN FUND.

*To the Hon. Mayor and board of Aldermen of the
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on the Toppan fund, held in trust by the board of aldermen for the purpose hereinafter stated, herewith present the annual report on the condition of the fund and disposal of the income therefrom.

INVESTMENT.

City note at 4%, interest payable annually..... \$250 00

The income for the year 1897 amounting to the sum of ten dollars has been paid by order of the committee to the board of school committee to be by them awarded to the member of the senior class of the high school showing the greatest proficiency in the science of government, in accordance with the suggestion of the donor Robert N. Toppan, Esq., in a communication addressed to the principal of the high school, dated Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 17, 1887.

WILLIAM C. COFFIN,
JAMES D. LEWIS,
ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

PUTNAM FREE SCHOOL FUND.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The standing committee of the board of aldermen on Putnam Free School fund, in accordance with the provisions of rule 6 of rules and regulations in relation to trust funds under the control of the mayor and board of aldermen, would respectfully report that it appears from the schedule of investments filed by the treasurer of the board of trustees, John N. Pike, Esq., May 1, 1897, that the investments of the fund at that date were as follows:

Notes secured by mortgage.....	\$13,787 82
Stocks, R. R., Bank and Gas.....	11,174 00
Bonds.....	23,950 00
Deposit in Savings Bank.....	1,330 00
Real estate.....	2,200 00
	————— \$52,441 82

The above schedule does not include the valuable lot upon which their school buildings are located, buildings therein, school furniture and apparatus owned by the trustees.

For further information as to the institution supported by this fund, reference can be had to the report of school committee on consolidated high and Putnam schools.

HENRY J. NOYES,
ABRAM A. CRABTREE,
JAMES D. LEWIS,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

SAWYER FUND.

*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of
the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The joint standing committee of the City Council on Sawyer fund, held in trust by the city for the benefit of the Public Library, respectfully report said fund is invested in a city note, \$5,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 1-2 per cent per annum.

The interest for the year 1897 has been paid over to the directors of the public library by order of the committee.

The annual report of the directors of the public library is referred to for further information touching the disposal of the above income.

BENJAMIN P. IRELAND,
ANDREW J. CASEY,
JOHN H. GILMAN,
Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

TODD FUND.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Newburyport:

GENTLEMEN:—The joint standing committee of the city council on the Todd fund, in accordance with the requirements of the rules and regulations adopted for the control of trust funds under the care of the city council, respectfully report the Todd fund of \$10,000, the bequest of William C. Todd, esq., is invested in a note of the City of Newburyport at 4 per cent per annum, payable annually to the trustees of the public library, to be by them expended for the benefit of the reading room attached to the public library of the City of Newburyport.

Said income for the year 1897 amounting to \$400 has been paid to the trustees of the public library, by order of this committee.

For further information touching the expenditure of said income on the reading room, reference may be had to the annual report of the directors of the public library.

HENRY J. NOYES,
GEORGE E. THOMPSON,
JOHN C. STANLEY,

Committee.

Newburyport, Dec. 31, 1897.

WHEELWRIGHT SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL FUND.

The triennial (1894 to 1897) report of the treasurer of the trustees of the Wheelwright Scientific School Fund was presented to the City Council in December, 1897.

The following is a summary of list securities of said fund November 9, 1897:

750 shares ordinary stock of the Buenos Ayres and Ensinado Port R. R. par £10 each £7,500, value nominal.

Mortgages.....	\$194,500 00
Real estate.....	6,000 00
Trust certificates.....	78,000 00
Bonds.....	93,750 00

Total investments.....\$372,250 00

ITEMS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THREE YEARS.

Cash paid students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from the city of Newburyport, tuition, allowance for railroad tickets or board, also for books and supplies for three years....	\$20,168 26
Cash for expenses of treasurer, secretary, rent of safe deposit vaults, postage and stationery for three years.....	3,425 46
Cash deposit in New England Trust Co.....	6,136 44

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CITY REGISTRAR

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

CITY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, }
March. 1, 1898. }

The following statistics relating to births, marriages and deaths in the city of Newburyport for the year ending December 31, 1897, are compiled for information and comparison, and are respectfully submitted.

BIRTHS.

The number of children born in the city during the year 1897 and recorded in this office is 315, sixteen less than the previous year. Of this number 159 were males, 156 females, three pair twins, one of which both were males, the other two were both females. All white but 2 mulattoes. Four were returned as illegitimate. Births occurred by months and quarters as follows :

January....27	April.....30	July.....24	October....24
February...34	May 22	August...25	November..27
March 27	June.....26	September 25	December..24
—	—	—	—
88	78	74	75
Total, 315.			

NATIVITY OF PARENTS.

	Fathers.	Mothers.
Born in the United States.....	211	188
“ “ British Provinces.....	41	48
“ “ Ireland.....	34	54
“ “ other foreign countries.....	25	24
Unknown.....	4	1
	315	315

Of 53 children both parents returned as natives of Newburyport, of 73 the fathers only were returned as natives of Newburyport, and of 63 the mothers only were so returned.

MARRIAGES.

The number of intentions filed and certificates issued 111, all returned for record save two, the marriages having been solemnized in this city or elsewhere.

The number of marriages recorded 123; fifteen less than last year. 103 married in this city, 20 in other places.

Marriages in each month and quarter as follows:

January....15	April....11	July..... 3	October..... 8
February...10	May 6	August.... 7	November...11
March.... 11	June 14	September.19	December ... 8
	36	31	29
			27

Total, 123.

Marriages were solemnized by the following clergymen and officials:

Congregationalist..J. H. Reid.....	4
A. W. Hitchcock.....	10
Charles P. Mills.....	9
Daniel T. Fiske.....	2
Myron O. Patton.....	3
C. S. Brooks.....	1
Francis W. Sanborn.....	2
John H. Murphy.....	1

Presbyterian.....	Horace C. Hovey.....	4
	T. James Macfaddin.....	2
Unitarian....	Samuel C. Beane.....	5
Baptist.....	Louis A. Pope.....	11
Episcopal.....	William C. Richardson.....	2
	James H. VanBuren.....	1
Methodist.....	John Webster Ward.....	9
	James H. Stubbs.....	8
	Alexander Dixon.....	2
Advent.....	W. S. Bezanson.....	1
Roman Catholic.	J. C. O'Hara.....	1
	J. B. Labossiere.....	5
	William H. Ryan.....	16
Justices of peace	Horace I. Bartlett.....	1
	John C. M. Bayley.....	1
	Daniel M. Felch.....	2
Non-resident clergymen.....		20

 123

Average age of groom, 29.7 years; average age of brides, 26.2 years; the oldest couple married, the groom 71 years old, the bride 61 years, the second marriage of each; the youngest couple, groom 20, bride 16; there were 5 grooms under age, one at 18, three at 19 and one at 20; there were 7 brides under age; 5 at 16 and 2 at 17 years old. First marriage of 100 grooms and 104 brides; second marriage of 21 grooms and 18 brides; third marriage of 2 grooms and one bride.

Only one couple where both were under age; of 21 couples the brides were older than the grooms, of 12 couples the ages returned as the same.

DEATHS.

Deaths occurring in this city during the year 1897, not including still-births, 232; twenty-one less than last year.

The number of deaths recorded for the year, including 17 still-births, 321. Of this number 72 occurred in other places and

were brought to this city for interment. These places include 13 of the cities of this commonwealth; eight of the states of our country and one from South America.

Interments in this city always exceed the deaths, this year by 25; 47 were conveyed away for burial, 20 of which were to the adjoining town of Newbury.

Deaths by months and quarters :

January....29	April....20	July.....21	October....18
February...15	May.....17	August 25	November .20
March.... .25	June 23	September ..18	December..18
—	—	—	—
69	60	64	56

Total, 249.

The number of deaths from zymotic diseases, 12, four less than last year. Typhoid fever, 5; croup, 4; diphtheria, 3.

Deaths from heart disease, so called, takes first place again, so long held by consumption and possibly for the same reason, numbering 22. Consumption, 17; old age and tuberculosis, 14 each: apoplexy, 12; pneumonia, 10.

Deaths from all causes (not including still-births,) under 10 years of age, 54, nineteen less than last year; deaths 60 years old and upwards, 94; of this number, 7 were over 90 years of age.

Average age, 43.63. Further information can be had by reference to tabulated list hereto annexed.

GEORGE H. STEVENS,

Registrar.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS
1897.

REPORT.

*To the Joint Standing Committee on Sewerage,
City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—Very careful supervision of the sewers has been kept up, and three complete rounds, emptying the pans which keep out street dirt from the sewers.

Five stoppages in the sewer have been reported to me, viz:—C. Castelhun, Market square, Feb. 24; county jail, Vernon street, March 19; C. Creeden, Merrimac street, March 13; E. F. Bartlett, Fruit street, March 21; W. M. Adams, Charter street, Sept. 2.

The first was removed by poles, the third and fifth by a good flush, the other two were false alarms, the drain was in fault.

During inspections and the fall clearing, four were found:—Market square, poled out again 32 feet; Washington street upper section poled out again 170 feet; High, near Summer, partial, washed out; Marlboro street, near High, partial, washed out.

There have been laid, carefully located, and graded by your superintendent in most cases, 82 private drains to connect with the sewer, to wit:—Stores, 4; halls, including schools, 17; tenements, 104; hotels and boarding houses, 2; shops, 11.

Total connections to date:

Stores.....	136
Halls and schools.....	67
Tenements.....	1,163
Hotels and boarding houses.....	25
Shops, offices and factories.....	116

1,507

The sewer newly built in Johnson street is in use by two dwellings, and working well, two more will connect in the spring.

Your superintendent has taken up the contract for mapping all drains in a convenient book with the sewers; it is a herculean work, requiring special surveys in nearly all cases; nearly two hundred have been surveyed and sketched thus far and will appear in place by the close of the year, the balance must lie over.

Careless drain laying has been nearly eliminated this year, and no untrustworthy person should ever be permitted a license for this work. Many bad jobs and much trouble arise from this source, not to mention reopening of streets to get roots out of the drains.

The roots found a year ago in a High street sewer near Auburn street have not again troubled the flow.

The cost of maintenance to date is the lowest ever reached; some small bills are still not rendered, which will not add materially to the amount, and only a small part of the new plans can be in during 1897, which omits their cost from the account.

Labor and tools for care of sewers.....	\$37 02
Use of water cart for flushing.....	25 50
New record books.....	9 25

Total.....\$71 77

To which is to be added the salary of superintendent.

It is believed the whole system is in good working condition, only needing the addition of the work for ward six to show a city in sanitary condition second to none.

Several bills to other departments for pipe used from our stock will reduce our construction account by their amount.

Respectfully submitted,

F. CURTIS,
Superintendent.

Newburyport, Nov. 30, 1897.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
STREET WATERING DEPARTMENT
1897.

REPORT.

*To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit the following as the first annual report of the department of street watering.

In April, 1897, the committee on water supply presented to the City Council an ordinance to "provide for the watering of public streets."

Under this ordinance the old method of soliciting subscriptions from door to door was abolished and the amount thus formerly raised is now obtained by an assessment per lineal foot, this assessment being equally divided between the abutters on each side of the watered street and the city.

The ordinance placed the management of this department in the hands of the committee on water supply.

The committee were anxious to make the first season of the new system a success. They went very thoroughly into all the details and obtained all information possible from various places, and on May

3, when the ordinance was passed by the City Council, the committee were in a position to handle the practical workings of the system to good advantage.

Specifications of the work to be performed and a schedule of the streets to be watered, were made and on May 5, sealed proposals were asked for by the committee according to specifications and schedule mentioned above.

M. & D. Cashman of this city and the American Car Sprinkler Company of Worcester, Mass., responded. The bid of M. & D. Cashman was found to be the lowest and the contract was awarded them by the committee.

Arrangements were made with the water commissioners for water and stand pipes.

Water to cost \$100 per mile, and additional distance pro rata. Stand pipes erected by them at expense of the city. On May 6 the system was started.

The advantage of the system was very soon seen by the citizens for the committee were in receipt of petitions from property owners in various parts of the city asking to be included in the territory to be sprinkled.

The petitions were acted upon in turn by the committee until they had all they could handle and they were obliged to place some on file to be acted on this coming season.

By an act of the legislature of 1897, (chap. 419,) the management of this department was changed to the mayor and board of aldermen of cities.

July 21, the mayor and board of aldermen of this city accepted and adopted this act and took charge of the department.

They made no change whatever in the plans as laid out by the committee on water supply, but continued them to the end of the season, Nov. 1, 1897.

The whole number of feet watered, 48,209.5-6; total amount received from abutters, \$2,892.59.

In conclusion it can be said that the system for the first season has worked very satisfactorily and complaints have been very few.

STREETS ORDERED SPRINKLED BY COMMITTEE.

STREET.	FROM.	TO.
Bartlet	Inn	No. 4 Bartlet
Birch	Market	Winter
Charter	State	Fair
Essex	State	Fair
Federal	High	Middle
Fruit	High	Prospect
Fair	Prospect	Liberty
Garden	State	Otis place
Green	High	Merrimac
Harris	State	Green
High	Marlboro	Three Roads
Inn	Pleasant	Market square
Liberty	Market square	Fair
Middle	State	Fair
Market square		
Market	High	Merrimac
Merrimac	Market square	Broad
Otis place		

STREET.	FROM.	TO.
Orange	Fair	Federal
Prospect	State	Lime
Pleasant	State	Market
Prince place		
Park	High	Harris
Pond	State	B. & M. station
State	Boylston	Market square
Spring	Fair	Federal
Temple	State	Fair
Tremont	High	Prospect
Titcomb	Washington	Pleasant
Threadneedle alley	Inn	State
Water	Market square	City railroad
Washington	Green	Kent

STREETS WATERED BY PETITIONS.

STREET.	FROM.	TO.
Allen	High	Prospect
Atwood	Federal	Lime
Bromfield	High	Water
Broad	High	Monroe
Middle	Fair	Federal
Purchase	Lime	Marlboro
Winter	High	Washington

LOCATION OF STAND-PIPES.

Bromfield St.	near High	Bromfield St.	near Water
Water	" " No. 77	Federal	" " High
Fair	" " Prospect	Liberty	" " Center
State	" " High	Harris	" " Park
Green	" " City Hall	Market	" " High

Merrimac St.	near R. R. bridge	Wash'ton St.	near Olive
Kent.	" "	High	Oakland " "
High	" "	Belleville ch.	High " "
Merrimac	" "	Kent	Jefferson

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. LITTLE,

Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
OF THE
CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

*To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health herewith submits its twenty-second annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Credits.....	11 00
	\$1,011 00
Amount overdrawn.....	133 54
	\$1,144 54

EXPENDITURES.

William H. Lawrence, inspector of plumbing.....	\$164 00
George H. Plumer, milk.....	8 18
George W. Knight, salary as agent and cash paid.....	277 61
J. Walter Akerman, provisions.....	13 80
Samuel W. Tuck, service of notice and expense.....	3 50
<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	\$467 09
	\$1,144 54

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$467 09	\$1,144 54
F. J. Donahoe, groceries.....	18 20	
John W. Allen " 	3 84	
Charles P. Kelley, " 	3 63	
John Murphy, milk and eggs.....	2 00	
Jere Sweeney, removal of house offal to June 1, 1897.....	250 00	
Union Cash Market, provisions.....	8 82	
J. C. Armstrong, " 	6 77	
William P. Coffin, milk.....	2 05	
P. H. Blumpey, groceries.....	12 70	
T. W. Scrivens, provisions.....	11 73	
R. C. Marr, groceries.....	12 29	
Moses A. Stevens, groceries.....	17 51	
M. C. Adams, provisions.....	11 26	
Gould & Adams, dating stamps.....	2 50	
Amos H. Geary, service as clerk.....	50 00	
James F. Carens, groceries.....	14 62	
T. A. Moynihan, milk.....	4 00	
Caleb B. Huse, printing.....	2 50	
Charles L. Davis, culture tubes, etc.,....	11 85	
Jere Healey, coal.....	2 00	
I. K. Wells, provisions.....	12 48	
News Publishing Co., advertising.....	10 50	
Newburyport Herald Co., " 	9 75	
E. N. Follansbee, groceries.....	11 54	
S. E. Kimball, " 	9 36	
C. C. Day, antitoxine.....	12 00	
J. O. Winkley, milk.....	1 55	
H. J. Hidden, special officer.....	54 00	
George J. Ross, " " 	54 00	
John F. Murphy, " " 	54 00	
		\$1,144 54

WORK OF THE AGENT.

George W. Knight, agent of the board, makes the following report:

Complaints attended to.....	184
Nuisances abated.....	47
Cesspools.....	68
Closets.....	82
Neglect of swill.....	17
Dead animals removed.....	10
Sick animals attended.....	27
Houses placarded.....	32
Rooms fumigated.....	71

REMOVAL OF NIGHT SOIL AND CONTENTS
OF CESSPOOLS.

The amount of work done by C. M. Lunt & Sons is as follows:

January.....	11 loads
February.....	4 "
March.....	32 "
April.....	76 "
May.....	88 "
June.....	83 "
July.....	66 "
August.....	52 "
September.....	59 "
October.....	46 "
November.....	60 "
December.....	29 "

606 loads

The contract of Jere Sweeney for the removal of house offal expired June 1, since which time the board have issued permits in accordance with rule 16 of the board of health, to various parties in each ward of the city to remove the same, thus saving two hundred and fifty dollars yearly, the work being done in a better manner and with less complaint.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Membraneous Croup	Typhoid Fever	Measles
January.....	1	2	0	1	0
February.....	8	0	0	2	0
March.....	4	0	0	1	1
April.....	0	0	0	0	0
May.....	4	2	0	1	0
June.....	4	0	0	2	0
July.....	0	0	0	0	0
August.....	3	0	0	0	0
September...	1	0	0	0	0
October.....	1	0	1	0	0
November....	1	0	0	0	0
December....	1	0	1	1	0
	28	4	2	8	1

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING.

Mr. William H. Lawrence, inspector of plumbing, reports the number of inspections for the year 1897, 164; connections with sewer, 84; additions and connections to cesspools, 80.

JOHN E. BAILEY,
CLARENCE C. DAY,
ARTHUR WITHINGTON.

BOARD OF HEALTH RULES FOR PLUMBING.

Unless the Board of Health shall authorize variation by special permit, on request of the owner, the drainage system of a hotel, tenement house, dwelling house, stable with sleeping apartments, factory, shop or other buildings in the city of Newburyport, shall be constructed according to the following rules for plumbing:

SECTION 1. *Inspector.* The board of health shall annually appoint an inspector of plumbing, to whom suitable compensation shall be allowed.

SECT. 2. *Plumbers.* No person shall carry on the business of plumbing unless he shall have first registered his name and place of business in the office of board of health. Notice of any change in the place of business of a registered plumber shall be immediately given to the inspector of plumbing.

SECT. 3. *Filing Plans and Specifications.* No person shall proceed to construct, add to or alter any portion of the drainage system of said buildings (except to repair leaks) until a notice of the work to be performed has been filed with the inspector of plumbing, upon blanks in such form as the board of health shall order. No person shall commence work upon such drainage or plumbing until the plans are approved by the board of health. Plans and specifications will be approved or rejected within five days of the time of filing. After a plan has once been approved no alterations of the same will be allowed, except on a written application of the owner.

SECT. 4. Pipes and other fixtures shall not be covered or concealed from view until approved by the inspector, who shall examine the same within two working days after notice that they are ready for inspection.

SECT. 5. Plumbing work shall not be used unless the same has been tested in the presence and under direction of the in-

spector, with the water test, or if required by him, with the peppermint or other reliable test, and approved by the board in writing.

SECT. 6. *Main Drain.* Every building herein referred to shall have separate and independent drainage into a common sewer, or cesspool where sewers are not accessible. There shall be uninterrupted circulation of air through the drain pipe, from the fresh air inlet near the main trap, to a point two feet above the roof, and at least ten feet from any window. In the basement wall and for five feet beyond it, drain shall be of extra heavy 4 inch cast iron soil pipe. Within the building or basement, it must be of sound cast iron with strong iron supports from floor timbers, or secure fastenings to cellar walls; must have slope of one-half inch to the foot, if possible, never less than one-quarter inch to the foot, and if beneath the cellar floor must be in a walled trench with movable covers unless if it be of extra heavy pipe with perfect lead joints tested by 20 feet head of water or more, the inspector may give permission to cover it with not over one foot of earth.

SECT. 7. *Traps.* The main drain must have a 4-inch trap close to the foundation wall, with a suitable clean-out plug. A suitable grease trap, approved by the board of health, shall be placed where directed by the inspector of plumbing, in every hotel, eating house, restaurant, or other public cooking establishment in such a manner as to be easily accessible for inspection and cleaning. Outside grease traps where used may be of masonry or earthenware, safe from frost. Water closet traps shall be actually close to the closet; all other waste pipes shall be trapped within thirty inches of the fixture it serves.

SECT. 8. Waste pipes from water closets shall be cast iron 4 inches in diameter, rising of undiminished size two feet above the roof, or six inches above the ridge, open at top and clear of all windows. From sinks, basins, bath tubs, wash tubs, etc., they shall be of cast iron when 2 inches or more in diameter, and of lead when less than 2 inches.

SECT. 9. *Fresh Air Inlets.* There must be a fresh air inlet pipe entering the drain on the house side of the main trap, of not less than four (4) inches, internal diameter, extending therefrom to the external air, away from all windows and cold air box of the furnace and protected from dirt and obstruction.

SECT. 10. *Connections.* All connections with horizontal pipes shall be made by one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) bends and Y branches, and all changes in direction shall be by curved pipe. No trap shall be placed at the foot of a vertical soil pipe.

SECT. 11. *Drip or Overflow pipes.* Drip or overflow pipes under water closets, or other fixtures, or from tanks or cisterns, shall in no case be connected directly with house sewers. Sediment blow off, steam exhaust pipes for boilers, shall in no case be connected with sewers directly or indirectly.

SECT. 12. *Refrigerator Wastes.* No waste pipe from a refrigerator, or other receptacle in which food or provisions are stored, shall be connected with a drain soil or other waste pipe, but must be separated therefrom by an open sink or tray, furnished with a trap.

SECT. 13. *Ventilation of Trap.* All traps must be furnished with a vent pipe, run from the crown of the trap, but the highest closet trap in a system if within twelve (12) inches of a vertical stand pipe may be excepted. The vent pipe from a water closet trap must be at least two (2) inches in diameter; other vent pipes must be as large as the waste pipe from the trap. All ventilation pipes from a soil or waste pipe must be run of undiminished size, separately or combined together, to the roof, and carried up at least four (4) inches internal diameter, through the roof, and at least two (2) feet above it, and left open, or may be run into a soil pipe above all connections. In no case shall a soil, waste or ventilation pipe, from a soil or waste pipe be connected with a chimney. No brick, earthenware or sheet metal pipes shall be used for ventilation pipes from a soil or a waste pipe.

SECT. 14. *Cast Iron Pipes.* All cast iron pipes must be free from holes and other defects, of a uniform thickness of not

less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) inch, for a diameter of four (4) inches or less.

INTERNAL DIAMETER	ORDINARY PIPE	EXTRA HEAVY PIPE
<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Lbs. per foot.</i>	<i>Lbs. per foot.</i>
2	3 1-2	5 1-2
3	4 1-2	9 1-2
4	6 1-2	13

And before being connected shall be thoroughly coated, inside and out, with coal tar pitch, applied hot by immersion, or some equivalent substance satisfactory to the board of health.

SECT. 15. *Joints.* Connections between lead and iron pipes shall be made with brass ferrules, full size of the iron pipe, calked into the iron pipe with soft lead, and united to the lead pipe with a wiped joint. Lead pipes may be connected with a water closet only by a solid brass flange one-quarter of an inch thick strongly soldered to the lead, and clamped to the closet with proper packing. All joints in the cast iron pipe and fittings must be so filled with oakum and soft lead as to make a tight joint and no putty or red lead used. There shall be at least 12 ounces of soft lead used to each inch of diameter of pipe.

SECT. 16. *Water Closet Supplies.* No water closet shall be supplied directly from the house supply pipe, or tank, nor shall receive any overflow or waste from the same, but shall be supplied from a special water tank or cistern used for no other purpose, and the flooding pipe shall not be less than one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) inch in diameter.

SECT. 17. *Traps, Vents and Back Air Pipes.* No trap, vent or back air pipe shall be used as a soil wash or conductor pipe. Lead air pipes may be used only where exposed to view. If air pipes to any water closet shall exceed thirty feet in length, the excess shall not be less than three inches in diameter. All air pipes shall be run as directly as possible.

SECT. 18. No tank or cistern excepting that supplying the water closet, shall be placed in the water closet room unless absolutely necessary.

SECT. 19. Whoever violates any provision of these rules is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100. [Public Statutes, Chapter 80, Section 18.]

Adopted. IN BOARD OF HEALTH, March 15, 1895.

Attest, JOHN E. BAILEY, Chairman.

AMOS H. GEARY, Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 29, 1897.

To his Honor the Mayor and Committee on Highways:

GENTLEMEN:—In closing this year's work upon the city highways it is fitting that I should, as your representative, attempt to inform you in regard to the labor performed and money that has been expended under your jurisdiction.

In fact, the committee as well as the general public, are aware that much more is annually done than formerly, and with the increase of wages that has taken place during the last nine years, have tended to increase the highway expense, and the growing demand of the public for more general work of all kinds and in all localities, and as crushed stone is what is needed and as a matter of economy ought to be more freely used, it will not in the coming years tend to lesson the annual outlay upon the roads.

As regards the use of gravel, to those who are not informed on the question, the expense is large; and

as the quality is nothing but loam and sand and a superabundance of rocks combined, and with a limited supply within the city precincts, it seems advisable within the city proper to use only crushed rock for repair and surface macadamizing in all its branches.

It is only necessary for a candid person to see State street—seven years wear on a depth of four and one-half inches of crushed stone—to see its worth as a factor in road building, and I could only wish that the city could hold at the disposal of the surveyor two hundred or three hundred tons of such stone as would admit of top dressing, when in his judgment it could be applied in the various localities about the city.

In making these remarks and suggestions it is my wish that the new members might be able to take up where you laid down, the effort on your part to improve the streets of the city.

Statistical return of the amount expended and labor performed in connection with its expenditures.

Amount appropriated.....	\$17,000 00
Transferred and charged to highways.....	2,112 37
Credits to the department.....	1,048 10
Whole amount spent.....	\$20,160 47

EXPENDITURES.

To amount of crushed stone bought, 4,550¼ tons at \$1.15 per net ton	\$5,232 88
Estate of N. Varina, weigh bill of stone.....	136 50
Expense of city teams.....	6,000 00
Salary and horse of surveyor.....	1,200 00
Winter bills on outskirts of the city...	200 65
Cash paid for outside teams.....	284 80
Cash paid for sand.....	84 25
Hose purchased of fire department...	80 00
Coal for road roller.....	90 00
Platform for No. 2 Engine house.....	48 25
Plow for highways.....	25 00
Paving stone and gravel.....	44 15
Municipal sprinkling of streets.....	198 00
Horses for No. 1 stable.....	375 00
Expense on horses.....	20 00
New cart No. 3, single.....	165 00
New harness.....	20 00
Repairs and purchase new tools.....	52 00
Oils, waste and lanterns for road roller	15 00
	\$14,271 48
Amount spent upon macadam roads.....	3,103 00
	17,374 48
Sum spent cleaning the gutters in the winter months, sanding of streets in winter months, labor upon outlying districts, repairs of gravel streets, labor on street crossings, labor laying gutters, (pav- ing included), cleaning of gutters spring and fall, repairs upon bridges and fences, and all work upon highway of whatever description, including hoky-poky cart.....	2,785 99
	\$20,160 47

MACADAM ROADS BUILT THIS YEAR.

Pond street to Boston & Maine Station.	1800 sq. yds.	
High street to Pond street.....	524	"
Washington street from Kent to Buck..	1416	"
" " Buck to Olive..	933	"
High street from Ordway's to Hale's...	3200	"
Green street from Water to High.....	4400	"
Built wholly by the city.....	12,273	sq. yds.
Winter street to railroad.....	603	sq. yds.
Railroad to Boardman street.....	1620	"
Boardman street to Olive street.....	744	"
Built in conjunction with the N. & A.		
Electric railroad.....	2967	sq. yds.
Break of Day Hill, surface stone.....	275	"
Total number of yards.....	15,515	sq. yds.
Labor at 20 cts. per yard.....	\$ 3,103	00

ROAD ROLLER.

The machine was purchased during the Hon. E. P. Dodge's administration at a cost of \$3,400.00 and has proved a good investment. At that time it was stated she would be good for fifteen years of use, seven and a half years of which time has expired, and with the exception of new wheels, no repairs have been necessary. Allowing a depreciation of \$150.00 per year brings her at this date worth for actual use, \$2,350.00, and with care and as much use as preced-

ing years, cannot see any reason for her not being serviceable for the next period of seven and one-half years to come, and I have the statement of the engineer, Mr. G. I. Paul, who has run her nearly all the time the city has owned her to substantiate what I have written.

PROPERTY OF THE CITY IN CARE OF SURVEYOR
OF HIGHWAYS.

One 10 ton road roller.....	\$2,350 00
One Climax road machine.....	200 00
Four snow plows at \$10 each.....	40 00
Two gravel screens \$6 each.....	12 00
Two gravel screens \$4 each.....	8 00
One horse shovel.....	6 00
One Iron Paving Widder.....	5 00
Twelve wooden paving widders, \$1.50 each.....	18 00
Two spirit levels.....	2 00
Four signs road roller, \$1.50 each.....	6 00
Eight iron signs.....	8 00
Two tool boxes \$4 each.....	8 00
Thirty pickaxes 75 cents each.....	22 50
Three hoes 35 cents each.....	1 05
Twelve snow scoops 50 cents each.....	6 00
Eight grubs and adzes 50 cents each....	4 00
Four paving hammers \$1.50 each.....	6 00
Twelve water pails 15 cents each.....	1 80
Two kerosene oil cans \$1.50 each.....	3 00
Nine lanterns 40 cents each.....	3 60
Six water cans 50 cents each.....	3 00

Amount carried forward..... \$2,713 95

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	<i>\$2,713 95</i>
Four wheelbarrows \$1.50.....	6 00
Four baskets 50 cents each.....	2 00
Two rakes 35 cents each.....	70
Six brooms 40 cents each.....	2 40
Three blocks and falls....	8 00
Nine horses \$200 each.....	\$1,800 00
Three double carts \$90 each.....	270 00
Three single carts \$75 each.....	225 00
Three single sleds \$70 each	210 00
Three double sleds \$100 each.....	300 00
One stone jigger.....	225 00
Three double harness \$100 each.....	300 00
Three single harness \$40 each.....	120 00
Nine horse blankets \$5 each.....	45 00
Nine horse covers for ash teams \$5 each	45 00
Stable implements for No. 1, 2 and 3	
\$10 each.....	30 00
Sixteen steel bars at \$1.50 each.....	24 00
Four tamping bars 75 cents each.....	3 00
Eight chains \$1 each.....	8 00
Four chains 50 cents each.....	2 00
One brush cutter.....	2 00
Two pendants for snow plow 50 cents	
each.....	1 00
One road plow.....	25 00
One road plow.....	10 00
Four stone hammers 50 cents each.....	2 00
Four stone mauls 75 cents each.....	3 00
One hoky poky cart.....	20 00
One sand sled.....	3 00
Two trowels 50 cents each.....	1 00
Twelve rollers 15 cent each.....	1 80
Six ice chisels 30 cents each.....	1 80

\$6,410 65

EDGESTONE AND SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT.

This year has witnessed very little of brick laying or repairing as follows:

Repairs to brick sidewalks.....	\$167 63	
Cash paid for bricks.....	99 00	
		\$266 63
Amount of concrete walks laid, 3,167 yards, at a cost to the city 25 cents per yard.....		791 75
340 yards when the city paid whole bill 25c, 50c, \$1.00 per yard.....		127 06
		\$1,185 44

In this department the abuttor pays one-half the whole cost of improvement.

During the year there were laid in the city, 5,341 $\frac{2}{3}$ feet at a cost to the city 30 cents per foot.....	\$1,602 50	
1,263 feet old stone reset at 10 cents..	126 30	
Cash paid J. Littlefield, circles.....	131 80	
Cash paid J. Littlefield, jobbing.....	94 34	
Cash paid engineer for services for the year.....	32 00	
		\$1,986 94

This department has a credit of 500 feet of edge-stones, at the city landing at 33 cents per foot..	\$165 00	
		\$1,821 94

In this department for concrete or brick the abuttors pay one-half the whole cost of work and materials.

ASHES AND RUBBISH.

During the year a larger number of loads have been taken by outside parties for various uses, than any previous year, leaving the undesirable for city teams, and the following is the number of loads and its distribution:

Whole number of loads.....	3,137
Cost of labor weekly.....	\$21 60
Cost of teams weekly.....	21 60
	\$43 20
Whole expense, 52 weeks.....	\$2,246 40
Sold 218 loads at 5 cents per load.....	10 90
	\$2,235 50
The cost of collecting-teams and men, \$1.03 $\frac{2}{3}$ per load.	

The depositing of ashes in different localities in the near future will have to be considered, as the various dumping grounds are fast filling up, and notwithstanding we are upon the border of a river, we are not allowed to dump, so as to float away with the tides, by order of harbor commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Although this department is not under the highway committee yet the care of them devolves upon the surveyor in the cleaning and removing of the debris that accumulates by being carelessly thrown upon them at the outlets, and those that border upon the river are filled with thatch and shells when the tides are unusually high and wind favorable to force the material in them.

Another evil exists where people claim more than their rights because the culverts crosses their land, and in fact they have, in some cases, no claim at all as the water has run for 100 years.

I should hope the city would never construct a culvert until they have acquired a claim which can not be interfered with by any one.

The city will, in the near future, be required to do much in the extension and construction of new ones; a continuance at foot of Lime, Ship, Market and Boardman streets, also on the Bridge road near the Varina wharf property.

In all these statements of the different branches of city work you will find the actual cost. As it is a part of the city's business which is done under the public eye and open for criticisms of which there is no lack—and it is not confined to Newburyport, but all places throughout the commonwealth—it is accepted as a part of the position of surveyor of highways.

I herewith extend my personal thanks to all to whom I am in anywise indebted, whether connected with the city or the general public, for all the assistance that their efforts have done to make a successful year.

Yours with respect,

CHARLES M. PRITCHARD,

Surveyor of Highways.

REPORT

OF THE

Atkinson Common Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

REPORT.

*To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City
of Newburyport:*

GENTLEMEN—The commissioners of Atkinson Common do hereby submit their annual report ending Dec. 1, 1897.

There has been expended on the common from the city treasury four hundred and nineteen dollars and five cents.

In addition to this the Belleville Improvement Society has expended seven hundred and twenty-nine dollars and seventy cents, making a total expenditure on the common of eleven hundred and forty eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

This money has been expended in laying out and grading walks, setting out trees and shrubs, building rockery and other such work. Mr. George Milton, the experienced gardener, has charge of this work as well as care of all walks and lawns, under the direction of Mr. Chas. W. Nelson.

Much credit is due Mr. Nelson, personally, and to the Belleville Improvement Society for the great in-

terest they have manifested in raising the money with which they have improved and beautified Atkinson Common.

Further credit is also due those ladies who have raised the money for building a pavilion, the foundation of which has been put in and the superstructure will be erected in the spring. The entire cost of which will be between four and five hundred dollars.

Since the organization of the Belleville Improvement Society they have raised and expended on the common eighteen hundred and six dollars and ninety-five cents.

The commissioners would also call attention to the many improvements which have been made during the past four years outside of Atkinson Common yet so closely connected with it as to demand notice. These improvements and embellishments have been many and varied, and the thanks of the entire community are due to John T. Brown, Esq., Hon. E. S. Moseley, Miss Mary A. Roaf and others, for their interest and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. CURTIS,	}	Commissioners.
JAMES F. CARENS,		
L. W. SARGENT,		
ALVAH HOYT,		
ORLANDO F. HATCH,		

ALVAH HOYT, Sec'y.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

LIST OF JURORS.

1898.

[Published in accordance with the requirements of Section 4 of
Chapter 515 of Acts of 1897.]

THE LIST.

Name	Residence	Occupation
Adams, Aaron B.	15 Parsons st.	Bookkeeper
Adams, Hazen M.	Central place	Watchman
Adams, J. Augustus	106 State st.	Truckman
Adams, Richard G.	70 Bromfield st.	Contractor
Allen, John W.	31 High st.	Grocer
Armstead, J. Clifford	23 Prospect st.	Painter
Armstrong, Joseph C.	319 High st.	Butcher
Atwood, Lewis J.	20 Oak st.	Shoemaker
Badger, George C.	33 Purchase st.	Messenger
Balch, John H. Jr.,	62 Washington st.	Coal and wood
Batchelder, Edgar J.	Purchase st.	Mason
Batchelder, Elbridge K.	306 High st.	Farmer
Beckford, Albert H.	15 Woodland st.	Stock fitter
Berry, Leroy	13 Horton st.	Clerk
Bodine, William E.	32 Oakland st.	Paper hanging, carpets
Bowen, William G.	3 Jefferson st.	Carpenter
Bridges, E. Field	32 Oakland st.	Shoe Foreman
Bridges, Samuel A.	11 Market st.	Travelling salesman
Brown, Lawrence W.	20 Fruit st.	Master mariner
Brooks, Arthur J.	8 N. Atkinson st.	Carpenter
Burley, Daniel S.	191 High st.	Shoe manufacturer
Burrill, William E.	70 Pleasant st.	Shoe cutter
Carens, James F.	4 Milk st.	Grocer
Cashnan, Daniel	17 Fair st.	Teaming
Church, Charles A.	340 Merrimac st.	Pattern maker

Name	Residence	Occupation
Carver, John H.	46 Prospect st.	Newspaper reporter
Clifford, Edward	7 Bromfield st.	Shoe cutter
Coffin, Francis E.	31 Broad st.	Sewing machines
Coffin, William B.	272 High st.	Surveyor
Coates, John W.	57 Lime st.	Shoe cutter
Colby, Edward H.	11 Otis place	Clerk
Cooke, Charles W.	13 School st.	Carpenter
Conley, William	42 Federal st.	Wharfinger
Crabtree, Abram A.	35 Winter st.	Steam laundry
Creasey, William J.	150 High st.	Painter
Crosby, Henry W.	23 Federal st.	Shoemaker
Currier, Arthur C.	3 Coffin court	Carpenter
Currier, Clarence A.	16 Strong st.	Mason
Cuseck, William C.	142 State st.	Insurance
Curtis, Andrew R.	274 Merrimac st.	Hatter
Davis, Green	33 Green st.	Paper Hanging, Painting
Davis, Ira L.	183 High st.	Marble & Granite works
Davis, Stephen F.	14 Orange st.	Cigars and tobacco
Davis, Thomas H.	11 Brown sq.	Retired
Dennett, Horatio N.	118 State st.	Cutter
Donnell, Charles C.	25 Marlboro st.	Accountant
deRochemont, Chas. H.	42 Washington st.	Broker
Drew, Oscar F.,	86 Federal st.	Silver plater
Edmands, Le Roy S.	37 Broad st.	Machinist
Emerton, Benjamin C.	44 Temple st.	Master mariner
Evans, Joseph W.	21 Winter st.	Manager car works
Fanning, Fred B.	41 Fair st.	Clerk
Fogg, Clarence J.	33 Milk st.	Shoe cutter
Ford, Samuel J.	7 Charles st.	Shoe cutter
Ford, William	274 Merrimac st.	Foreman Hat Factory
Frost, James N.	1 Chestnut st.	Ice dealer
Frost, J. Warren	192 High st.	Shoe cutter
Gemignani, Corinto	13 Beck st.	Pictures and Frames
Gerrish, Gilbert	112 State st.	Clerk
Goodwin, Charles W.	108 State st.	Salesman

Name	Residence	Occupation
Goodwin, William A.	40 Prospect st.	Carpenter
Gerrish, B. Gardiner	29 Milk st.	Carpets
Gorwaiz, Albert M.	1 Buck st.	Clerk
Gove, Alfred F.	30 Oakland st.	Shoe cutter
Gove, John A.	8 Spofford st.	Boat builder
Green, Frank W.	18 Arlington st.	Foreman Iron Foundry
Greely, Lucius H.	78 High st.	Mason
Green, Eliphalet	20 School st.	Shoemaker
Greenleaf, George P.	33 Bromfield st.	Shoe cutter
Greenough, Joseph M.	12 Titcomb st.	Livery stable
Greaton, George B.	18 N. Atkinson st.	Shipper Towle Mfg. Co.
Greaton, Obed W.	18 N. Atkinson st.	Carpenter
Griffin, Joseph T.	19 Chestnut st.	Painter
Hale, Albert D.	6 Birch st.	Constable
Hale, Edward A.	11 1/2 Spring st.	Box maker
Hale, Henry S.	6 Allen st.	Sec. Perkins Lumber Co.
Hale, George E.	5 Harris st.	Clerk
Haskell, Cyrus A.	30 Market st.	Salesman
Hatch, Orlando F.	36 Forrester st.	Carpenter
Hathaway, Benjamin F.	50 Purchase st.	Baker
Healey, Jere	16 Dove st.	Coal and wood dealer
Hennessey, Paul	12 Boardman st.	Carpenter
Hicken, George B.	Cor. Willow av. & Maple	Carpenter
Hinckley, Fred P.	136 State st.	Janitor Court House
Hines, Joseph	131 Merrimac st.	
Howard, John L.	25 Oakland st.	Clerk
Hoyt, Alvah	26 Oakland st.	Foreman carpenter
Hunt, John D.	185 Merrimac st.	Carpenter
Huntee, Thomas J.	65 Washington st.	Foreman
Huse, Caleb B.	47 Middle st.	Printer
Hutchins, William W.	12 School st.	Rigger
Ireland, Benjamin P.	14 Fair st.	Machinist
Ives, Frank B.	275 Merrimac st.	Hatter
Jackman, Daniel W.	34 Marlboro st.	Silver plater
Jackman, James M.	23 Jefferson st.	Clerk

Name	Residence	Occupation
Jaques, George W.	38 Washington st.	Shipper Bancair Co.
Johnson, Berkley	38 State st.	Gents' furn. goods
Johnson, William R.	203 High st.	Banker
Jones, Oliver O.	49 Prospect st.	Master mariner
Jones, William A.	70 Lime st.	Pressman
Jordan, William J.	129½ State st.	Hats and clothing
Kent, Otis L.	20 N. Atkinson st.	Florist
Kimball, Philip H.	2 Bradstreet place	Watchmaker
Knight, Alpheus G.	24 Atwood st.	Gentleman
Knight, Eben C.	31 Purchase st.	Retired
Knight, George W.	Parker st.	Inspector of animals
Leach, Alexander	7 Summit place	Painter
Leavitt, Alvah W.	37 Prospect st.	Real estate
Little, Isaac W.	36 High st.	Clerk
Little, John Gardiner	Turkey Hill	Farmer
Little, Joseph B.	22 Boardman st.	Pressman
Littlefield, Charles S.	39 Washington st.	Stone cutter
Littlefield, Edwin A.	4 Merrill st.	Teamster
Lougee, Parker M.	17 Bromfield st.	Carriage maker
Lunt, Thomas S.	260 High st.	Farmer
Matzoni, Andrew	8 Center st.	Fruit dealer
McConnell, Edward H.	147 State st.	Freight clerk
McConnell, Robert C.	269 Merrimac st.	Teaming
Merrill, Charles A.	124 State st.	Provision dealer
Merrill, Everett S.	30 Fair st.	Shoemaker
Merrill, Oliver B.	Broad st.	School teacher
Moody, Arthur M.	218 High st.	Electrician
Morrill, David C.	Jefferson court	Shoemaker
Nelson, Charles W.	N. Atkinson st.	Supt. almshouse
Nevins, Thomas T.	11 Brown square	Retired hotel clerk
Noyes, Gilbert A.	44 Kent st.	Gardener
Noyes, James H.	High, cor. Arlington	Grocer
Noyes, Isaac P.	52 Purchase st.	Retired
Noyes, Joseph	6 Tyng st.	Shoe cutter
Noyes, William A.	9 Prospect st.	Painter

Name	Residence	Occupation
Oliver, George Clinton	157 Merrimac st.	Clerk
Ordway, Charles H.	54 Ashland st.	Livery stable
Parsons, Fred W.	152 State st.	Books
Patriquin, Louis	32 Ashland st.	Car builder
Paul, Edwin L.	33½ Kent st.	Carpenter
Pearson, George A.	24 Kent st.	Marble worker
Perkins, Charles L.	10½ Bromfield st.	Lumber surveyor
Pettingell, George B.	52½ Marlboro st.	Retired
Pevear, Samuel L.	9½ Kent st.	Shoemaker
Pike, George I.	38 Tyng st.	Trimmer
Pike, John D.	6 Toppan st.	Shoe manufacturer
Pike, John S.	2 Dalton st.	Boots and shoes
Pike, William C.	167 Merrimac st.	Carpenter
Poor, Benjamin F.	54 Bromfield st.	Salesman
Poore, Charles W.	65 Prospect st.	Grocer
Poor, Isaac Jr.,	28 Lime st.	Clerk
Pritchard, William H.	18 Barton st.	Silversmith
Purinton, John W.	11 Oakland st.	Silver moulder
Rand, Daniel A.	14 Oakland st.	Shoe cutter
Richardson, Joseph C.	25 Boardman st.	Retired
Roaf, Andrew J.	16 Boardman st.	Master mariner
Roaf, George H.	318 High st.	Clerk
Rowe, David T.	6 N. Atkinson st.	Shoemaker
Rowe, Charles D.	4 N. Atkinson st.	Foreman
Ross, Herbert W.	22 Congress st.	Clerk
Rourke, John J.	10 Barton st.	Carriage painter
Ruggles, Charles D.	10 Buck st.	Carriage builder
Sargent, Charles H.	323 High st.	Machinist
Safford, William H.	5 Fruit st.	Jewelry
Sawyer, Albert P.	41 Broad street	Jewelry
Smart, George H.	230½ High st.	Painter
Smith, Waldo B.	26 Market st.	Leather
Souther, David F.	39 Fair st.	Shoemaker
Southwell, George W.	4 Greenleaf st.	Silversmith
Stevens, Moses A.	25 Madison st.	Grocer

Name	Residence	Occupation
Stickney, Edward S.	32 Kent st.	Variety store
Stockman, Charles A.	153 High st.	Salesman
Stockman, Charles C.	10 Titcomb st.	Furniture and auctioneer
Swasey, William H.	58 Washington st.	Apothecary
Thomas, Charles G.	22 Summer st.	Furniture
Thompson, George E.	37 Lime st.	Comb maker
Thurlow, Rufus E.	23 High st.	Clerk
Thurlow, Stephen H.	23 Milk st.	Hardware
Tibbetts, Russel S.	41 Purchase st.	Baker
Tilton, Daniel E.	46 Federal st.	Clerk
Tilton, George P.	— Payson st.	Designer
Toppan, William H.	42 Kent st.	Mason
Todd, T. Gillis	90 High st.	Merchant
Torrey, Joseph	51 Federal st.	Painter
Townsend, Oliver P.	11 Salem st.	Nurse
Tucker, C. Frank	35½ Washington st.	Fruit dealer
Underwood, William A.	19 High st.	
Varina, Edward E.	43 High st.	Coal and wood
Walsh, James P.	10 Greenleaf st.	Insurance agent
Warner, George M.	High & Ashland	Grocer
Welch, Samuel R.	20 Barton st.	Foreman
Wilson, Albert P.	88 Federal st.	Bicycles
Wilkinson, Michael J.	70 High st.	Plumber
Williams, Geo. A. M.	3 Magnolia st.	Clerk
Williams, Samuel G.	27 Ashland st.	Die sinker
Winkley, J. Otis	Parker st.	Milk dealer
Woodwell, Herbert N.	50 Marlboro st.	Engraver
Young, Eben A.	1 Dalton st.	Mason
Young, John P.	37 Lime st.	Shoemaker

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Directors of Newburyport Public Library
WITH
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
AND
OTHER PAPERS.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }
December 20, 1897. }

VOTED, that the reports and accompanying papers presented be adopted as the annual report of the directors of the Public library to the city council for 1897, and that the secretary be authorized and instructed to forward the same to the city council, appending thereto the names of the directors.

Attest,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To his Honor the Mayor and the City Council:

The directors of the Public Library submit the following, their forty-second annual report, with the reports of the librarian and of the committees having in charge the several funds.

We are justified in feeling a certain pride in the possession of a public library containing so many and so well-selected books, of a public reading room, the first of its kind, of the handsome building and grounds so accessible and convenient, and in the large, growing and intelligent use of these privileges which is indicated in the accompanying report of the librarian.

The usefulness of the library has been increased, and will be still further increased by the work of cataloguing and rearrangement which is in progress. It is bringing order out of chaos, and of a mass of books whence it was a matter of luck whether one could find what he wanted, or even whether it was on the shelves, it is making a true library, where the reader can readily discover what can be furnished and what not. This is already a great advantage which will be

still greater when the work is finished, especially for those who use the library for gaining knowledge, though it is also a substantial convenience to those who seek entertainment or recreation.

While this is true, it is not all that can be and should be done to make of our public library a radiator of sweetness and light. It is safe to say, that at small outlay, far less than the cost of cataloguing, the beneficial influence of the library as an educational agent could be more than doubled. This should be by establishment of a reference department, where books could be as freely consulted as they would be on the student's own shelves, but not to be taken from the building. Such is the arrangement in nearly all public libraries. That of Lawrence has a reference room with three thousand volumes on its bookshelves, where the student of art, science or history can find the best standard authorities, and can look up a subject in which he is interested at his own convenience, or, if he wish, may have the aid of the librarian. Such should be the arrangement of every library designed for the spread of knowledge, and not merely for entertainment.

Considerable additions have been made to the number of books in the library during the year, as will be seen by the librarian's report, and we believe that the selection of these has been judicious. As is always the case in our own and in all public libraries, a large proportion of the books added has been of works of fiction. But it must be considered that

much the larger part of the reading matter borrowed from the library is fiction, and we have in this department supplied literature at least, and not trash. In regard to this matter we would call attention to what the librarian says of it in his report, in which he seems to take the true view of the subject.

The increasing number of those who use the public library is evidence that it is an institution in which the people of this city are interested, and that they appreciate its privileges and do not grudge its expense. It becomes us, therefore, to endeavor to make it the best possible with the means at our command for use and for delight.

ANDREW R. CURTIS,	}	Directors.
JAMES F. CARENS,		
EDWARD S. MOSELEY,		
ELISHA P. DODGE,		
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING,		
CHARLES C. DAME,		
JOHN E. BAILEY,		
MOSES BROWN,		
RUDOLPH JACOBY,		
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON,		
NATHAN N. WITHINGTON,	}	
ALBERT C. TITCOMB,		

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Book Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—The condition of the public library is herewith shown, in this, the 42d annual report of the librarian, for the year ending November 30, 1897.

In the last annual report, the number of books in the library was reported as 31,731. Since that date 51 have been canceled as beyond repair, 37 of which were renewed. Seventeen books are lost or missing. Not unlikely some of them will turn up again, as a book is easily misplaced in the frequent shifting about which a reclassification demands. During the year 824 books have been added, leaving the total, Nov. 30, 1897, at 32,487, shown more in detail in appendix.

The number of books withdrawn for home use during the year was 40,644, the largest circulation in the history of the library. The previous year it was 38,561, but for the first time this summer the circulating department was not closed while the cleaning and renovating was going on. The building was open 307 days, and the average daily circulation was a fraction over 132 copies.

Fiction leads the list, and at about the same proportion as it does in most libraries, strictly public and general, 76 belonging to that class out of every 100 books borrowed. To reduce the percentage of fiction read, and to increase the demand for more instructive literature, is a desideratum and a problem with every librarian, although but few meet with any great degree of success. About the only way to arrive at the result, apparently, is by suppressing or reducing the material demanded by these readers, but by so doing the readers themselves are suppressed.

Last year 238 works of fiction were added to the stock, and there were over 40,000 borrowers, 76 out of each 100, as stated above, demanding light reading. Seven years ago, in 1890, some 150 of such books were bought, were read by 71 out of each 100 readers, of whom there were less than 32,000. The average daily circulation then was 111, that of the last year 132. From these figures in this library, experience has shown that, with the supply of new fiction increased 50 per cent, the proportion of novel readers has increased by but 5 per cent, while the total number of borrowers has grown 25 per cent, making no account of fractions. The argument for a liberal policy in this regard appears to be, therefore, that it brings in more readers, largely so, that more people are brought under the influence of the library and can learn its value and best uses. Unfortunately the adult devourer of novels and tales must be set down as practically incorrigible. He or

she rarely aspires to anything different. With them it is novel or nothing, but for the young their is hope. More than a quarter of the books of all description taken from the library are borrowed by them. The number of these boys and girls has more than doubled during the period under review, and it has been brought about almost entirely from the fact that they are reasonably sure of finding an interesting story when they came in. Ten years ago the policy of the library seemed almost prohibition in supplying the literature they demanded. Today it is liberal without being prodigal.

The rule which applies to adults does not apply to youth. As they grow older they do not make novel reading their business, as far as reading goes, but their recreation. As they advance in their school work they come to appreciate the value of the library as an important adjunct for promoting their knowledge. Some of the most discriminating and intelligent borrowers of books today were reading nothing but stories of boy adventure a half dozen years ago.

This class of literature then may be looked at as an intelligent bait, a legitimate toll. If we waited for a young man or woman who had never used a library public or private to call for "Kant's Critique of Pure Reason," or even John Fiske's congeries of American historical books we would wait until the books had crumbled to dust. It seems to be absolutely necessary for them to arrive at this plane by progressive steps which begin with the adventures of

very remarkable but fictitious, and perhaps impossible boys. This is a condition now well recognized, and the lists of juveniles of all the great publishing houses is not a small proportion of the whole.

These books are not only harmless but are healthy. They are a scientific evolution. Their moral and their lessons are not administered like a bitter pill, illy disguised under a coating of sugar, but are absorbed as is the nourishment from food which tastes good as well as builds up the system. The selection of this literature is conducted with care and discrimination, and I could name a half dozen popular juvenile authors whose books are found in nine public libraries out of every ten, but are not in this library. The reason isn't that they are unfitted or harmful, but because there are others which are superior and will answer the purpose. You can satisfy a boy who calls for a book by A, with giving one by B, on the assurance that he will find it interesting, and he will come again, but try to palm off on him one of the stories our grandparents were afflicted with in childhood, even though it may be dignified by the honorary title of classic, and the chances are you will not see him more than once again, when he returns the book next day, and it doesn't need be much of a mindreader to see that it is your judgment, or good taste or honesty, or perhaps all three that he distrusts.

There are now 6,164 registered borrowers against 5,700 a year ago, a gain of 464. There have been

520 books sent to the bindery for binding or repairs.

The work of reclassifying and recataloguing the library on a modern and scientific basis has been continued during the year, except for a period of six weeks when the cataloguer was compelled to be absent. This of course necessitated one-eighth work less being accomplished than had been anticipated, and a proportionate amount of the special appropriation is thereby unexpended.

At the date of my last report the works of fiction and of New England genealogy and history had been classified and catalogued, 3,292 works in 4,471 volumes. Since that time the balance of the library except public documents, magazines and a few others has been reclassified, 10,203 works, history and travel, have been catalogued as well, the cards written and put in use, and biography is well under way. In history this includes 2,753 volumes, in travels 2,589. In biography 1,339 volumes are complete, and it will probably require two months in which to finish this part of the work. To complete the work as outlined, not reckoning the omissions noted above, will require, as well as can be estimated, the present library year, or till December, 1898.

The work is being done with care and thoroughness and when completed it seems as though little would be left to be desired in a catalogue prepared to show, in a concentrated and practical form not alone what books but what information the library can offer. Perhaps this can best be illustrated

by one or two concrete examples of cards. Take for instance a book entitled "Farthest North, or Life of J. B. Lockwood of Greely Arctic expedition," by C. Lanman. In disposing of this book certain theoretical questions arise as regards the reader's standpoint, how he would approach the subject, and all are answered by the cards. In the first place comes the author, usually and always theoretically the principal entry, and the reader wishing to know what Lanman has contributed will turn to the Ls and under Lanman's name will find the entry of this book, as well as every book by Lanman in the library, grouped around it. The next reader might be specially anxious to learn something of Lockwood simply. He turns to the alphabetical position, and there the book appears under Lockwood's name. The next man may have simply heard of the title of the book, "Farthest North," but is ignorant of the author's name, or what the book treats of except vaguely. He turns to the title entry, the Fs, and finds the book there. Thus if a man knows only one of the three, the author, the subject or the title of the book, he can find it. Usually these three entries suffice, but in this case there is something more. The exhaustive or special reader is remembered. Of necessity this work must contain more or less directly pertaining to Greely. Under the name of Greely, then the book appears for the fourth time, so that everything touching him may be found grouped. There yet remains one more reader to be provided

for, the man interested in Arctic exploration in general. He wants as much on the subject as he can get hold of. If he had never heard of Lanman the author, if he was ignorant that there had ever been a man named Lockwood connected with Arctic exploration, if he overlooked the fact that the name Greely was suggestive, or had yet to learn that there was a book entitled *Farthest North*, he has simply to turn to the letter A and under the entry Arctic regions he will learn of this book as well as of every other one in the library on the same topic. It has taken five cards to point the way and it is not easy to miss it.

One more, briefly: "Life of R. Heber, with journal of tour in Russia and history of Cossacks, by Mrs. Heber." It will be seen at once that this book is somewhat composite in its makeup, and six cards are required. One for the author, Mrs. A. Heber; one for the principal or main subject, Rt. Rev. R. Heber; one for India missions, because a reader might be looking up missions, or missions in India, or India, and not know that Bishop Heber was in anywise connected with them; another card for Russia, geography; description and travels; still another for Cossacks, and finally one for Church of England, because it is advisable to bring together all the available literature on such a subject. If the work seems to advance slowly it is because of the thoroughness with which it is being done, and the care taken to assure permanency. To do this the details are many. In the first place the books all have to be examined

to determine in what class of literature they naturally fall. Generally a brief glance will show this, but often it takes much thought to correctly make the assignment. Again some books will fit two classes equally well, and then it has to be decided in which class it will be more useful to or be more easily found by the larger class of readers. The class and book number must be entered on the plate. The old wrapping paper must be stripped off and a label attached to the back. Next the cards have to be written, anywhere from one to half a dozen or more for each book. A shelf list has to be prepared, a miscellaneous catalogue in condensed form, showing the subjects grouped. Then the choice of position and arrangement on the shelves is often a complex problem, taking into consideration the work which is to follow and the aim that in spite of this complete reorganization no book need be denied to anyone during the turning over process. In my original estimate of the time that would be required I decided that it would take all a cataloguer's time for from two and a half to three years. Eighteen months have so far been given to it, and the rate of progress has been about as anticipated. Miss Heron, in whose charge are the immediate details of the work, has given proof that her selection was a matter of good judgment, and she has applied herself to it with enthusiasm and diligence.

There are some slight material changes in the library which the new system renders necessary—the chang-

ing of one approach to the gallery, the reasons for which have already been pointed out, and the resetting of the three top shelves in the alcoves of the main building. Unlike those in the annex which are adjustable, these shelves are permanently attached to the walls, on the old principle that books should be arranged according to their size, not their contents, putting all the small books on the top shelf and grading down. In this manner the three highest shelves have become of little utility now, and the space should be re-arranged for two.

JOHN D. PARSONS,
Librarian.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation.....\$2,250 00

CREDITS.

From town of Newbury use of library for year 1896.....	\$ 150 00	
For dog licenses.....	788 96	
Bill credited back.....	2 52	
		941 48
		\$3,191 48
Amount overdrawn transferred to inciden- tals to balance account.....		419 68
		\$3,611 16

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries.....	\$2,240 02
Insurance.....	631 88
Janitor.....	273 15
Binding books.....	243 13
Supplies and miscellaneous.....	134 15
Printing.....	88 83
	\$3,611 16

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION—FOR CATALOGUING.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....	164 30
	\$835 70

EXPENDITURES.

W. A. Herron.....	\$685 00
News Publishing Co.....	121 80
Library bureau.....	28 90
	\$835 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Receipts from fines.....	\$ 39 20
“ “ finding-lists.....	5 30
Balance form last account.....	21 74
	\$ 66 24

EXPENDITURES.

Post Office boxes, stamps etc.,.....	\$ 14 65
Express, freight, truckage.....	18 12
Various supplies.....	17 75
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	11 20
	61 72
Balance.....	4 52

APPENDIX B.—PEABODY FUND.

Through the generosity of Mr. George Peabody the library thirty years ago was endowed with a fund of \$15,000. This amount was paid into my hand and a board of five trustees was at once organized to care for it. The only condition the kind donor attached to his gift was that an annual report of the condition of the fund and the amount of income derived from it should be prepared and published. In accordance, therefore, with Mr. Peabody's request I hereby give notice that the original sum of \$15,000 was deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has since remained, the principal to be withdrawn only upon the signature of a majority of the board of trustees of the fund. The income for the past year has been \$600, balance from preceding year \$729.51, total \$1,329.51. From this there have been purchased since last report 253 volumes at a cost of \$519.97, leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of \$809.54. Since the fund was first made available 8,207 volumes have been added by it to the library.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, Chairman.

The condition of the fund, both the receipts and expenditures on account have been duly examined and is certified to as correct.

JOHN D. PARSONS.

Newburyport, Dec. 6, 1897.

APPENDIX C.—BUILDING FUND.

The building fund, being the excess remaining after the library building was purchased and completed, amounting to nearly \$5,000, was immediately deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has since remained, the principal subject to withdrawal only upon the order of all the members of the board of trustees. From this nucleus, \$4,433.13 has been withdrawn being interest earned, and expended on necessary repairs and improvements to the building, a direct saving of so much money to the city in library maintenance. The sum now standing to the credit of the fund amounts to over \$6,000. During the past year \$80 has been expended, and a balance of \$215.71 is on deposit in the Mechanics Bank.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Chairman.

Newburyport, Dec. 18, 1897.

APPENDIX D.—W. O. MOSELEY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1897 interest to November 1	\$400 00	
Balance per report	345 21	
		\$745 21

EXPENDED.

1897, purchased 160 books at	\$194 92	194 92
Balance		
		\$550 29

MINOR FUNDS.

Twenty-eight valuable books on New England history or genealogy have been added by the Green fund, at a cost of \$91.60. From the Sawyer fund 103 books costing \$106.52 and from miscellaneous sources 52 books at a cost of \$40.48.

APPENDIX E.—READING ROOM.

The free reading room, established by Hon. W. C. Todd, is daily visited by an increasing number of readers, both occasional and regular. On its files may be found seven, or a majority of the New York daily papers, seven from Boston, the two local, three from other sections of the county and two from New England at large. Weekly papers, 50 in number, cover all sections of the country, Europe being represented by the London Times, while 30 domestic and 15 foreign magazines and views, give one a complete knowledge of the current literature, from the lightest to the highest. In purchasing these publications the past year \$395.56 has been expended, leaving, with the amount on hand from last year, a balance of \$6.19.

APPENDIX F.—LIBRARY INCREASE.

No. of volumes last reported.....	31,635	
Added by purchase 1897:		
Peabody fund.....	257	
W. O. Moseley fund.....	160	
Sawyer fund.....	103	
Todd fund.....	85	
S. A. Green fund.....	28	
Frothingham fund.....	21	
Bradbury fund.....	19	
Williams fund	12	
Miscellaneous.....	11	
	696	
Added by donations.....	128	
Total new volumes.....	824	824
		32,459
Withdrawn as worn out.....	51	
Lost or missing.....	17	
		68
Total, Nov. 30, 1897.....		32,391

The new volumes are classified as follows: General works, 21; philosophy, 7; theology, 12; social science, (which includes public documents) 110; natural science, 36; useful arts, 31; fine arts, 16; Miscellaneous literature (poetry, oratory, letters, etc.,) 105; fiction, adult and juvenile, 238; travel and descriptive, 58; biography, 90; foreign history, 21; American history, 79.

APPENDIX G.—CIRCULATION.

During the year ending Nov. 30, 1897, there were withdrawn for home use 40,644 books, by months as follows: Dec. (1896,) 3,687; January, 4,133; February, 3,797; March, 4,194; April, 3,443; May, 3,200; June, 2,891; July, 3,019; August, 2,395; September, 2,739; October, 3,400; November, 3,746. These volumes, classified and compared with previous years are as follows:

	1897.
Fiction, adult and juvenile.....	30,906
History.....	2,504
Miscellaneous literature.....	1,814
Magazines.....	1,370
Travels.....	1,291
Natural science, useful and fine arts....	1,103
Biography.....	847
Philosophy and sociology.....	554
Theology.....	255
	40,644

The percentage of classes to circulation is as follows: Fiction, (adult English and foreign, juvenile,) 74; history, 6.1; miscellaneous, 4.5; magazines, 3.4; travels, 3.2; natural science, useful and fine arts, 2.7; biography, 2; philosophy and social science, 1.4; theology, 7.

APPENDIX H.—DONATIONS OF BOOKS.

(To June 1, 1898.)

	VOLS.
Andover, Town of.....	1
Appleton, W. S.....	1
Baker, W. H.....	1
Bath Corporation.....	1
Boynton, E. M.....	2
Brown, J. T.....	1
Caldwell, Miss.....	3
Cambridge W. C. T. U.....	1
Chase, W. G.....	2
Cogswell, Mrs.....	1
Con. Coal Co.....	1
Curzon, M. R.....	2
Cushing, L. B.....	1
Dame, C. C.....	5
Davis, B. P.....	1
Fitchburg, City of.....	1
Gardner, E. C.....	1
Hale, Joshua.....	1
Harvard University.....	2
Johnson, R.....	1
Larned, A.....	1
Little, J.....	1
Lowell, Mr.....	1
McCully, Rev. O. G.....	1
Massachusetts, Com. of.....	27
Maynard, C. J.....	1
Merchant, Mrs. E. A.....	4
Moody, Hon. W. H.....	18
Moseley, E. S.....	2
Munn & Co.....	1
Newburyport, City of.....	2
Newburyport, 1st Church Christian Science.....	1
Newburyport Herald Co.....	2
Newburyport News Pub. Co.....	2

	VOLS.
New Jersey, State of.....	1
New York State Library.....	1
Parsons, J. R.....	1
Pearson, Mrs. E. A.....	1
Pope, L. A.....	1
Pratt, F. S. and C. H.....	1
Stokes, A. P.....	1
Stone, G. F.....	2
Todd, W. C.....	1
Towle Mfg. Co.....	1
Tupper, F. A.....	1
Unknown.....	9
Very, L. L. A.....	1
Walker, J. B.....	1
Webb, W. H.....	2
Winthrop, R. C.....	1
Yale University.....	1

U. S. Government publications:

Bureau of education.....	4
Bureau of ethnology.....	4
Bureau of statistics.....	1
Census bureau.....	5
Coast survey.....	2
Geological survey....	4
Department of agriculture.....	5
Interior.....	1
Navy.....	2
Treasury.....	3
War.....	10
Fish commission.....	6
Interstate commission.....	1
Life saving service.....	1
Labor commission.....	3
Patent office.....	6
Smithsonian Institution.....	7

Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room.

DAILIES.

Newburyport Herald (morning).
 " News (evening).
 Boston Advertiser (morning).
 " Herald " "
 " Post " "
 " Globe (evening).
 " Journal " "
 " Transcript " "
 " Traveler " "
 Haverhill Gazette " "
 Lynn Item " "

Portland Advertiser (evening).
 Providence Journal (morning).
 New York Herald " "
 " Sun " "
 " Times " "
 " Tribune " "
 " Mail & Express (eve'g).
 " Post (evening).
 " World (morning).
 Congressional Record, Washing'tn.

SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY.

Alta California, San Francisco.
 Argonaut, "
 Bradstreet's, New York.
 Christian Register, Boston.
 Chronicle, San Francisco.
 Churchman.
 Commercial Bulletin, Boston.
 Congregationalist.
 Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.
 Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.
 Dial, Chicago.
 Dispatch, Richmond, Va.
 Electrical World, New York.
 Engineering and Mining Journal,
 New York.
 Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.
 Financial and Commercial Chron-
 icle, New York.
 Forest and Stream, New York.
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated News-
 paper, New York.
 Gazette, Montreal, Canada.
 Graphic, London.
 Harper's Bazar, New York.
 " Weekly " "
 " Young People, New York.
 Herald, Rutland, Vt.
 Home Missionary.

Independent, New York.
 Item (weekly) Newburyport.
 Journal of Education, Boston.
 Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
 Machinist, New York.
 Mirror and Farmer, Manchester,
 N. H.
 Nation, New York.
 Nature, London.
 New Century, N. Y.
 News, Charleston, S. C.
 Observer, New York.
 Official Gazette, U. S. patent office.
 Outlook, N. Y.
 Pioneer-Press, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Punch, London.
 Republican, Springfield.
 Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver,
 Colo.
 Scientific American, New York.
 " " (builders' ed.)
 " " Supplement.
 Tablet.
 Times, Philadelphia.
 Times, London.
 Tribune, Chicago.
 Universal Brotherhood.
 Weekly News, Galveston, Texas.

MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

DOMESTIC.

Arena, Boston.	Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia.
Atlantic Monthly, Boston.	Littell's Living Age, Boston.
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.	McClure's Magazine, New York.
Century, New York.	Munsey's Magazine, "
Cosmopolitan, New York.	Naturalist, Philadelphia.
Current Literature, New York.	N. E. Homestead, Springfield.
Donahoe's Magazine, Boston.	New England Magazine, Boston.
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, New York.	New World, Boston.
Forum, New York.	North American, New York.
Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia.	Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia.
Harper's Magazine, New York.	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.
Household, Boston.	Popular Science Monthly, "
Home Missionary, Boston.	Popular Science News, "
Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia	Review of Reviews, New York.
Life, New York.	St. Nicholas, "

FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London.	Good Words, London.
Blackwood's, Edinburgh.	London Quarterly Review.
Cassell's Magazine, London.	Macmillan's Magazine, London.
Contemporary Review, "	Nineteenth Century, "
Cornhill Magazine, "	Strand, "
Edinburg Review, Edinburgh.	Temple Bar, "
English Ill. Magazine, London.	Westminster Review, "
Fortnightly Review, "	

Donations to the Reading Room.

Christian Register.....	American Unitarian Association
Christain Science Journal.....	George Morrill
Churchman.....	St. Paul's parish
Congregationalist.....	Rev. J. W. Dodge
Congressional Directory.....	E. S. Moseley
Congressional Record.....	Hon. W. H. Moody
Cook's Excursionist.....	Publishers
Free Russia.....	"
Good Government.....	"
Home Missionary.....	E. S. Moseley
Manifesto.....	Publishers
Newburyport Daily News.....	"
Newburyport Item.....	"
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike
Official Gazette.....	Patent office
Outlook.....	W. W. Goodwin
Science.....	Publishers
Signal Service Weather Maps.....	U. S. Department of Agriculture
St. Andrew's Cross.....	St. Paul's parish
The New Century.....	Mrs. C. Tingley
Universal Brotherhood.....	"
Woman's Journal.....	C. K. Whipple

REPORT
OF THE
WATER COMMISSIONERS

FROM

December 1, 1896, to November 30, 1897.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

*To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
and the Common Council of the City of New-
buryport:*

GENTLEMEN:—The board of water commissioners of the city of Newburyport submit to you herewith their annual report for the year ending Nov. 30, 1897.

Referring to our report made to Nov. 30, 1896, would now say that in the early part of 1897, settlements were made with the engineer, contractor, parties that furnished material, etc., in payment for the improvements carried on at the works during the previous season.

After the spring opened and during the last summer the grounds around and in the vicinity of the basins were underdrained, graded, and either turfed or sown with grass.

An opportunity presenting itself to purchase the real estate known as the "John Moulton farm" at a reasonable price, the board deemed it desirable to do so, and the property was transferred to the city in May, 1897, at a cost of \$1,025.

The large and small pumps at the pumping station have received attention the past year, and repairs so long needed have been made in a thorough manner.

Aside from these changes which seemed essential, and what has been required to keep the plant in order and supply the needs of consumers, the commissioners have not deemed it expedient to make any extended improvements or outlay.

The commissioners have given much attention to the question of meter rates for water. They have adopted new regulations for the use of meters, and in April last reduced the minimum rate to be charged for water by measure, to a basis of an average use of not less than 125 gallons per day. The fixed water rates remain as heretofore for reasons alluded to in our former report.

In July last the committee on public property made request that the commissioners furnish water for the fountain erected at the junction of Toppan street with High street, free of charge, which request has been complied with.

Water for sprinkling the streets of the city was furnished during the season of 1897, under an agreement made between the board and the city committee on municipal sprinkling, the details of this arrangement having been made to the satisfaction of both parties.

The city government of last year declined to make the board any compensation for water used for the fire department, also, contrary to the practice heretofore

observed, declined to pay for water used in the public buildings for the six months ending Nov. 30, 1897.

It would seem that there should be no question as regards the city paying for the water used in its several departments. "The city, as a whole, requires water for fire protection, sprinkling streets, schools and other public purposes. It is an injustice to take no account of this consumption in estimating the revenues of the water department, and water used in this way should be charged to, and paid for by the consumer, that is to say, the city, and as all property profits equally by this service this cost of the water should be met by general taxation." If this is not done the individual water takers must be called on not only to pay for the cost of furnishing the water they use, but also for the cost of the water used by the city in its corporate capacity. The commissioners trust the present city government will approve this view of the matter and arrange accordingly.

Accompanying this report will be found a financial statement for the year, compiled by the treasurer, the certificates of the semi-annual auditing of the accounts, also the annual report of the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. DAME,	}	Water Commissioners.
JOHN N. PIKE,		
NATHANIEL APPLETON,		
A. W. GREENLEAF,		
CHAS. H. SARGENT,		

Newburyport, Feb. 28, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts of the Newburyport Water Works

FROM DEC. 1, 1896 TO NOV. 30, 1897.

Water Rates.

From Dec. 1, 1896 to May 31,	
1897.....	\$14,241 54
From May 31, 1897 to Nov. 30,	
1897.....	15,889 98
	\$30,131 52

Meter Rates

From Dec. 1, 1896 to May 31,	
1897.....	\$2,643 07
Less discounts.....	49 03
	\$2,594 04
From May 31, 1897 to Nov.	
30, 1897.....	\$2,509 97
Less discounts.....	49 14
	\$2,460 83
	\$5,054 87
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$35,186 39

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$35,186 39
Sundry Water Receipts.	
From Dec. 1, 1896 to May 31,	
1897.....	\$ 626 40
From May 31, 1897 to Nov. 30,	
1897.....	\$ 35 40
Less expense.....	1 75
	33 65
	660 05

Total receipts from consumers other than the city.....	35,846 44
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FROM CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

Water Furnished Public Buildings.	
From June 1, 1896 to Dec. 1,	
1896.....	\$ 633 50
From Dec. 1, 1896 to June 1,	
1897.....	633 50
	\$1,267 00
Total receipts for water for year From Other Sources.	\$37,113 44

Water rates paid in advance of Nov. 30,	
1897.....	\$ 803 25
Interest.....	624 00
General construction....	382 67
Service pipe construction.....	293 25
Extension of mains.....	269 91
Pond improvement.....	4 15
General maintenance (\$583.90 charged meter account).....	602 63

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$37,113 44
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<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$37,113 44
Maintenance of mains....	38 69	
Service pipe maintenance.....	24 00	
Pumping station “	83 35	
Hydrant “	5 00	
Plumbing.....	28 74	
Rent of meters.....	16 00	
		\$3,175 64
Total receipts.....		
		\$40,289 08

Payments by the Newburyport Water Works

FROM DEC. 1, 1896 to NOV. 30, 1897.

For real estate.....	\$1,180 14
General construction.....	50 17
Pumping station construction.....	1,173 65
Service pipe construction.....	1,609 89
Stand pipe construction.....	118 45
Extension of mains.....	29 75
Jackman springs.....	26 57
Pond improvement.....	17,917 60
Meters.....	583 90
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	
	\$22,690 12

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$22,690 12
General maintenance.....	\$3,696 66
Service pipe maintenance.....	381 39
Maintenance mains.....	355 54
“ pumping station.....	4,665 35
“ hydrants.....	54 01
“ reservoir.....	65
“ stand pipe.....	5 78
Plumbing.....	9 67
	\$ 9,169 05
Total payments.....	
	\$31,859 17

SUMMARY.

Total receipts 1897.....	\$40,289 08
Total payments 1897.....	31,859 17
Excess of receipts 1897.....	8,429 91
“ “ 1896.....	13,964 76
Total excess.....	\$22,394 67
Due from N. & A. H. R. R. Co.....	\$ 175 57
Cash on hand.....	135 36
Deposit in Merchants National Bank	22,083 74
	\$22,394 67

PHILIP H. LUNT, Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT
OF THE
Payments by the Newburyport Water Works
FROM DEC. 1, 1896 to NOV. 30, 1897.

REAL ESTATE.

John Moulton farm.....	\$1,025 00	
Transfer from construction account.....	151 64	
Incidentals.....	3 50	
		\$1,180 14

CONSTRUCTION.

Geo. E. Gilchrist,.....	\$ 41 12	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.,.....	8 55	
Incidentals.....	50	
		50 17

PUMPING STATION CONSTRUCTION.

A. Russell & Sons.....	\$970 97	
Barr Pumping Engine Co.,.....	159 25	
Knowlton Packing Co.,.....	30 15	
H. W. Johns & Co.,.....	10 00	
A. W. Chesterton & Co.,.....	3 28	
		1,173 65
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$2,403 96</i>	

Amount brought forward\$2,403 96

SERVICE PIPE CONSTRUCTION.

Labor as per weekly pay rolls.....	\$ 398 58
John Lucy, labor and teaming.....	243 00
Geo. E. Gilchrist.....	335 53
Walworth Manufacturing Co.,.....	271 90
D. A. Trefethen.....	228 26
E. Donahoe.....	14 88
J. C. Colman,.....	13 50
Boston & Maine Railroad.....	72 63
P. S. Bradford.....	5 00
Worcester Rubber Co.,.....	3 25
A. Russell & Sons.....	1 48
F. Curtis.....	10 95
Incidentals....	10 93

1,609 89

STANDPIPE CONSTRUCTION.

Bill rendered city.....	118 45
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EXTENSION OF MAINS.

Labor.....	29 75
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JACKMAN SPRINGS.

C. H. Kelliher.....	15 38
Labor.....	11 19

POND IMPROVEMENT.

Pigeon Hill Granite Co.,.....	\$5,304 55
C. H. Kelliher.....	4,278 94
Labor as per weekly pay rolls.....	1,576 92
Percy M. Blake and assistants and their expenses.....	1,194 02

Amount carried forward.....\$4,188 62

<i>Amounts brought forward.....</i>		\$4,188 62
R. D. Wood & Co.,.....	\$632 95	
E. C. Johnson.....	3,420 70	
John Lucy.....	376 00	
Pipes, valves and other material.....	1,101 19	
Sundries.....	62 33	
		17,917 60

METERS.

Transferred from general maintenance...	583 90
	\$22,690 12

GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Salary of superintendent.....	\$ 1000 00
Team for ".....	200 00
" " 3 months in 1896.....	50 00
Salary secretary and treasurer.....	441 66
Premium on bond of treasurer.....	75 00
Salary of clerk.....	500 00
John Lucy.....	331 50
Auditor.....	35 00
Rent.....	175 00
Meters.....	154 73
Distributing bills.....	35 15
Printing.....	183 15
Postage.....	43 60
Telephone Co.,.....	38 24
Chairs.....	15 50
Labor.....	26 25
Boston & Maine Railroad Co.,.....	40 57
Boston Iron Foundry Co.,.....	80 95
Boston Lead Co.,.....	74 10
Incidentals and office expenses.....	196 26

Amount carried forward.....\$3,696 66

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

369

Amount brought forward.....\$3,696 66

SERVICE PIPE MAINTENANCE.

John Lucy	\$ 84 00
Labor as per weekly pay rolls.....	281 26
Materials.....	16 13

381 39

MAINTENANCE OF MAINS.

Labor.....	\$ 55 07
Pipe and material.....	191 66
Transfer from extension of mains.....	108 81

355 54

MAINTENANCE PUMPING STATION.

Engineer.....	\$ 900 00
First Assistant Engineer.....	730 00
Second " "	540 00
Coal.....	1,535 36
Teaming coal.....	186 17
Repairs.....	234 45
Oil, waste, packing, etc.,.....	118 77
Sundry Labor.....	29 98
J. A. Greeley & Co., mason work.....	78 81
Green Davis, paints, etc.,.....	57 29
Clock.....	22 50
Supplies, twenty items.....	232 02

4,665 35

MAINTENANCE HYDRANTS.

Material.....	\$ 35 43
Labor.....	18 58

54 01

Amount carried forward.....\$9,152 95

Amount brought forward.....\$9,152 95

MAINTENANCE RESERVOIR.

Incidentals..... 65

MAINTENANCE STANDPIPE.

Labor..... 5 78

PLUMBING.

Material..... 3 30

Labor..... 6 37

9 67

\$9,169 05

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Trial balance Newburyport Water Works, May 31, 1897.

	DRS.	CRS.
Land.....	\$15,559 11	
General construction.....	933 52	
Service pipe construction.....	3,832 24	
Pumping station construction.....	1,187 70	
Extension of mains.....	272 98	
Jackman springs.....	235 19	
Pond Improvement.....	25,437 96	
Stand pipe construction.....	63 08	
General maintenance.....	8,043 29	
Pumping station maintenance.....	11,823 69	
Reservoir maintenance.....	66 42	
Maintenance of mains.....	739 62	
" hydrants.....	212 04	
" service pipe.....	631 06	
" gate.....	3 51	
" stand pipes.....	3 50	
Water rates.....		\$ 60,802 01
" paid in advance.....		449 40
Meter rates.....		11,946 36
Sundry water receipts.....		1,286 02
Fire service.....		3,480 00
Public buildings.....		2,509 00
Interest.....		888 26
Plumbing.....		111 44
	\$69,044 91	\$81,472 49
Due from N. & A. H. R. R. Co.....	67 07	
Merchants National Bank Newburyport	12,296 47	
Cash on hand.....	64 04	
	\$81,472 49	\$81,472 49

OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
NEWBURYPORT, June 26, 1897. }

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the Newburyport Water Commissioners from Dec. 1, 1896, to May 31, 1897 inclusive, and find them correct and properly vouched.

I find cash in the Merchants National Bank.....	\$12,296 47
Cash at office.....	64 04

(Signed), A. B. ADAMS, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Trial balance, Newburyport Water Works, November 30, 1897.

	DRS.	CRS.
Land.....	\$15,559 11	
General construction.....	918 88	
Service pipe construction.....	4,022 75	
Pumping station construction.....	1,267 67	
Extension of mains.....	278 23	
Jackman springs.....	246 38	
Pond improvement.....	30,336 65	
Stand pipe construction.....	118 45	
Meters.....	583 90	
General maintenance	9,439 23	
Pumping station maintenance.....	14,018 43	
Reservoir maintenance.....	66 42	
Maintenance of mains.....	766 22	
" hydrants.....	236 18	
" service pipe.....	797 88	
" gate.....	3 51	
" stand pipe.....	5 78	
Water rates.....		76,691 99
Meter rates		14,407 19
Sundry water receipts.....		1,319 67
Fire service 1895.....		3,480 00
Public buildings.....		3,142 50
Interest.....		1,092 67
Plumbing.....		107 07
Rent of meters.....		16 00
Advance water rates Dec. '97 to June '98		803 25
	\$ 78,665 67	\$101,060 34
Due from		
N. & A. H. R. R. Co.,.....	175 57	
Merchants National Bank.....	22,083 74	
Cash in office.....	135 36	
	\$101,060 34	\$101,060 34

OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
NEWBURYPORT, MASS., Dec. 23, 1897. }

I have examined the accounts of the Newburyport Water Commissioners from June 1 to November 30, 1897 and find the same correct and properly vouched as per Trial balance a copy of which is attached.

I find cash in the Merchants National Bank.....\$22,083 74
Cash in office..... 135 36

(Signed), A. B. ADAMS, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby submit to you the annual report of the superintendent for the year 1897.

STORAGE BASIN.

Owing to the lateness of the season (November, 1896) when the Storage and Moulton basins were finished, the land surrounding them could not be graded or turfed, thus leaving a large amount of the water-shed bare of grass, which caused us considerable trouble to prevent the washing of large quantities of earth and sand into the basins with the water. Our efforts in this direction were not in all cases successful, but after the winter had passed, the basin was cleared, the top of the slopes turfed, and a good screened gravel walk six feet wide made to encircle the storage basin, outside of which is a paved gutter to carry off the water to the river which is not fit to go into the basin.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

The brook leading from the Moulton springs and vicinity has been underdrained and paved from its

source to where it enters the settling basin, after which the slopes were turfed, making a very neat appearance.

The brook leading from the woods near the Bartlett springs has been paved for about one-third its length, and a large stone catch-basin placed at its upper end to intercept the sand and earthy matter on its way to the basin.

The land on the west side of the basin has been underdrained, ploughed, and sown down to grass, it being late in the season before this was done, it did not give the grass much time to get a start before the frost set in.

A large amount of turfing has been done upon the slopes wherever there was a chance of the earth being washed into the basin, which has proved to be of great benefit to the quality of the water. I would advise the board to continue these improvements on the land surrounding the wells in the coming summer.

The grounds around the Pumping station have been graded and turfed, and gravel walks laid to the entrances. The road should have some attention the coming summer.

BARTLETT SPRINGS.

The well at the Bartlett springs has been cleaned and about three cart loads of sand taken out. All the sources of supply are now furnishing good wholesome water.

JACKMAN SPRINGS.

During the year 1897 the Jackman springs pump was run for ninety-nine (99) days, coal used 21 tons. 21 tons at \$3.65 per 2,240 lbs. \$ 76 00
 Labor and expenses. 200 00

Total. \$276 00

It can be seen by these figures alone that it would be a great saving to bring this water around by gravity instead of pumping as at present. We could then use the water from that source every day in the year and it would certainly improve the water we are now supplying our citizens with, as it is a much softer water than that supplied from the wells.

PUMPING STATION. BOILERS.

The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co.'s report for Dec., 1897, states the condition, care and the management of the boilers are good.

PUMPING ENGINES.

The large pumping engines which were in such a weak condition were repaired and strengthened in the early spring, which put them in fair condition to do duty as a spare set of pumps, but they are not what they should be as far as economy in fuel is concerned, and if necessary to run every day it would be money saved to throw them out and put in their place a more modern set of pumps. The average amount of coal consumed per day when these pumps are used is about 2,450 pounds.

The small pumping engines which had run so many years without repairs and which were liable to break down at any time owing to the condition which they were in, were given to Albert Russell & Sons under contract to put them in thorough repair, which was done in a first-class manner, and they have now been running night and day since June 23d, and are still giving the best of satisfaction. The saving of coal since being repaired is quite an item, 500 pounds per day, or 80 tons per year. There is also the satisfaction of knowing that both sets of pumps can be relied upon in case of emergency, or large conflagration in our city.

BOILER AND PUMP ROOMS.

These rooms have been painted and whitened in a very artistic manner, new gauge boards have been made, and the gauges nicked, the floors relaid with new brick, and much credit is due to our Engineer, Mr. Butler, who has always shown a disposition to have everything in and about the station in good order.

NEW SUCTION PIPE.

A new six inch cast iron pipe two hundred and sixty feet long was laid to the river for the condenser pump, which does not seem to give entire satisfaction owing to the mud and sea-weed which is washed into it by the tide. I would recommend that a surface condenser be put in the boiler room large enough to take care of both sets of pumps. With this type

of condenser no river water would be required as the water on its way to the mains can be used, and there would be no corrosion, and a much better vacuum can be obtained, and only a small air pump required, which would take but little fuel to run.

STANDPIPE.

Owing to occasional complaints of discolored water by takers on High street, below Jefferson street, which came at intervals, when it was well known to us that we were supplying water of good quality, free from mud or dirt, and there being no heavy draughts upon the mains, the superintendent came to the conclusion that it must come from the standpipe. A piece of galvanized pipe was made twelve inches in diameter by six feet long and this was lowered down into the opening in the bottom of the standpipe so as to hold in the mud and dirty water, which was constantly running in and out with the change of height of water therein. This action proved to be the remedy, as scarcely a complaint is now heard about discolored water.

MAINS.

During the year the extension of the mains were as follows:

Water street, 2 inch cement lined.....	308 feet.
Centre " 2 " " "	20 "
Neptune " 2 " " "	20 "
Renewal of main. Chestnut street 6 inch cast iron....	444 feet.

GATES.

During the year new gates were placed in the following streets:

Marlboro street, 6 inch.....	2
Forrester " 4 inch.....	1

SERVICES.

During the year sixty-five new services were entered, making a total of 2,520 in to date.

SPRINKLER STANDPIPES.

During the year six new stand pipes were added, abandoned one, total now in use seventeen.

METERS.

Number of meters now in use.....	56
" " " work shops	16
" " put in by request for house use	18

Meters for house use have so far given general satisfaction.

RENEWAL OF MAINS AND SERVICES DESTROYED
BY ELECTROLYSIS.

Merrimac street, 6 inch pipe.....	47 feet.
Services renewed on Merrimac street.....	1
" " High street.....	2
" " Washington street.....	1

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. LAWRENCE,

Superintendent.

Newburyport, Jan. 31, 1898.

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR

THE YEAR 1897



NEWBURYPORT:
HUNT PRINTING AND ENGRAVING CO.
1898

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—1897

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ANDREW R. CURTIS (Mayor) . . . Chairman
ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK . . . Vice-Chairman

Term of office expires January 1, 1898:

EDWARD OSGOOD		49 Purchase street
CHARLES W. POORE		65 Prospect “
GEORGE H. PLUMER		93 High “
GEORGE W. WORCESTER		124 High “
HENRY B. LITTLE		215 High “
PAUL A. MERRILL		24 Tyng “

Term of office expires January 1, 1899:

WILLIAM T. HUMPHREYS		75 Purchase street
PRENTISS H. REED		55 Lime “
GEORGE E. L. NOYES		101 State “
SAMUEL C. BEANE		6 Harris “
OLIVER B. MERRILL		Munroe, cor. Broad “
ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK		298 High “

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

WILLIAM P. LUNT Office at City Hall

TRUANT OFFICER

ROBERT G. ALLEN Office with Superintendent

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (CONCLUDED)

SUB-COMMITTEES

HIGH SCHOOL — O. B. Merrill, W. T. Humphreys, G. H. Plumer,
P. H. Reed, S. C. Beane.

(On part of trustees of Putnam Free School, Joseph E. Moody.)

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS — H. B. Little, Edward Osgood, G. E. L. Noyes,
C. W. Poore, S. C. Beane.

TRAINING AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS — G. W. Worcester, W. T. Humphreys, G. E. L. Noyes, C. W. Poore, P. A. Merrill.

TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE — P. A. Merrill, W. T. Humphreys, H. B. Little.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS — S. C. Beane, Edw. Osgood, G. W. Worcester.

RULES AND REGULATIONS — G. H. Plumer, P. H. Reed, P. A. Merrill.

EVENING SCHOOLS — W. T. Humphreys, C. W. Poore, G. E. L. Noyes.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE — P. H. Reed, Edw. Osgood, G. W. Worcester.

SALARIES — G. E. L. Noyes, G. H. Plumer, S. C. Beane.

JANITORS AND SUPPLIES — C. W. Poore, G. H. Plumer, P. A. Merrill.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOM—City Hall.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT—City Hall.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD—Last Monday evening of each month except July and August.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE HOURS—Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 10 a. m. ; other days, 4 to 5 p. m.

SCHOOL YEAR—Begins tenth Tuesday after the Saturday preceding the Fourth of July.

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS—Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, Thanksgiving day and two succeeding days, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Patriot day, Labor day ; from Christmas to New Year inclusive ; one week commencing the first Monday in April ; also, nine weeks from the Saturday preceding the Fourth of July.

PAY DAY—Wednesday after the first Monday of each month except August and September.

SCHOOL SIGNALS

8.15 a. m.—Two strokes of fire alarm, no forenoon session of primary and grammar schools.

1.15 p. m.—Two strokes of fire alarm, no afternoon session of primary and grammar schools.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

In obedience to your instructions I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1897.

WILLIAM P. LUNT,
Superintendent of Schools.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, }
Dec. 27, 1897. }

Voted, that the annual report, as prepared by the superintendent be accepted as a whole, and signed by the chairman and secretary.

WILLIAM P. LUNT, Secretary.

THE HIGH AND PUTNAM SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL—Geo. A. Dickey, principal ; Arthur H. Berry, Sara A. Leonard, Mary T. Spalding, Sara Deane, Inez Cohen, E. Belle Haven, assistants.

PUTNAM SCHOOL—Mary R. Bond, Harriet Piper, assistants.

The exhibition of the High school, held at City Hall June 29th, closed a year of successful work in that institution. The essays of the senior class, as well as the other exercises, showed careful training by the teachers, as well as a good degree of intellectual ability on the part of the students of the school.

A class of fifty-one young men and women received diplomas, it being one of the largest classes ever graduating from the school. Its large numbers show an increased appreciation by parents of a high school training, a greater per cent. of those who have been members of the class having completed the course of study than in any previous year.

Eight students from the school passed the final examinations for admission to college and were admitted, and ten students were equally successful at the Mass. Institute of Technology. Seven students took the preliminary examinations for admission to college, eight for the Mass. Institute of Technology, and three were admitted to professional schools.

A change from the management of one set of teachers to that of another, even if both sets are of excellent ability, cannot take place without some temporary detriment. In our own

school the wise and careful management of the principal and his associate teachers has resulted in as little disarrangement of things as could reasonably be expected.

At the beginning of the school year the new principal, Mr. Dickey, took charge of the school, and Miss Cohen was appointed to the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Barker. With the exception of these two teachers the board of instruction in the school was the same as the previous year. No change took place until the close of the winter term, when Miss Ida M. Wallace, teacher of Latin and Greek, resigned on account of ill health, after more than two years of acceptable service. Her place was filled for the remainder of the year by Miss S. Belle Haven, who declined a reelection, and Miss Bertha J. Atwater was chosen to the position. The character of Miss Atwater's work in this department when it was under her charge in previous years is a sufficient guarantee of her future success.

At the end of the winter term Miss Spalding was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the school year for the purpose of visiting Europe, her place being filled by Miss Atwater.

At the close of the year Miss Sara M. Deane, the able and efficient teacher of History, was called away to a field of labor in which the advantages offered were greater than those given in our own city. Her place was not an easy one to fill, requiring as it did skill in teaching History according to modern methods, as well as experience in the discipline of a large room. After many personal interviews, and a careful consideration of the testimonials of many applicants, Miss Mary E. Smith, a teacher of successful experience, was elected to the place made vacant by Miss Deane's resignation.

At the beginning of the present year, September, 1897, Miss Harriet Piper, teacher of French, was given leave of absence by

the trustees of the Putnam Free school, her place being filled by Miss Merrill.

With so many changes in the teaching force during the year it is much to the credit of the principal that the work of the school is moving on quietly and harmoniously.

As was suggested in the report for 1896, the list of optional studies for the senior class has been somewhat enlarged. The interesting and profitable studies of Mental Philosophy and Economics have been introduced, making a valuable addition to the course of study, especially for those pupils whose school training ends with the High school.

The course in Drawing has been better adapted than before to the wants of students preparing for the higher scientific schools, and the teaching of music, just introduced, promises to be a source of pleasure and profit to the pupils.

The Toppan prize, given for the best examination paper on "Civil Government," was awarded to Carl P. Rollins of Newburyport, and a prize of five dollars, given by the Daughters of the American Revolution for the best essay on some subject connected with the "Great Struggle," was won by Burton Philbrick, also of this city.

For the purpose of keeping our school equal in efficiency to other first-class high schools, the course of study has been carefully revised so as to ensure better preparatory training for the higher institutions of learning; a more exact classification of the pupils has been made, and the general working machinery of the school, in both studies and discipline, so adjusted as to promise good results.

STATISTICS OF HIGH AND PUTNAM SCHOOLS—1896-7

Whole membership of boys in High school	105
“ “ girls “ “	99
“ “ “ “	204
Average “ boys “ “	98.5
“ “ girls “ “	91.4
“ “ “ “	189.9
“ attendance of boys “ “	97.3
“ “ girls “ “	87.6
“ “ “ “	184.9
Per cent of “ boys “ “	98.8
“ “ girls “ “	95.8
“ “ “ “	97.3
Cases of tardiness in “ “	686
Whole number of boys in Putnam “	47
“ “ girls “ “	41
“ “ pupils “ “	88
“ “ “ High and Putnam schools	292
Cases of tardiness in Putnam school	55
Average membership of boys in Putnam school	38.6
“ “ girls “ “	39.0
“ attendance of boys “ “	37.5
“ “ girls “ “	38.5
Per cent of “ boys “ “	97.2
“ “ girls “ “	98.7
“ “ school	98.0
Average age of boys in I class, High school	17.8
“ girls in I “ “ “	17.8
“ boys in I “ Putnam “	17.5
“ girls in I “ “ “	17.6
“ boys in II “ High “	16.8
“ girls in II “ “ “	17.7
“ boys in II “ Putnam “	17.1
“ girls in II “ “ “	17.5
“ boys in III “ High “	15.8
“ girls in III “ “ “	16.0
“ boys in III “ Putnam “	15.5
“ girls in III “ “ “	15.6
“ boys in IV “ High “	15.1
“ girls in IV “ “ “	15.1

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"	boys in IV	"	Putnam	"		15.1
"	girls in IV	"	"	"		14.5
Number in High school over 15 years of age, boys						75
"	"	"	"	"	girls.....	76
Cases of dismissal in High school.....						346
"	"	Putnam	"	.....		201

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF '97

At City Hall, June 29, 1897

Music.....	Orchestra
Prayer.....	Rev. C. S. Brooks
Singing — "The Lord is My Shepherd,".....	School Chorus
Essay — with Salutatory Address — Hawthorne in Salem,	Miss Richardson
Oration — The Eastern Question	Mr. Buckley
Symposium — Problems {	(a) Clubs.....Miss Noyes
	(b) Practical Education Miss Robinson
	(c) Social Inequalities.....Miss Ordway
Singing — "Farewell to the Forest,".....	School Chorus
Oration — Truth.....	Mr. C. T. Smith
Essay — Influence.....	Miss Collins
Music.....	Orchestra
Oration — War.....	Mr. Little
Essay — Roman Civilization.....	Miss Kimball
Oration — X-Rays	Mr. Dodge
Singing — "Watch on the Rhine,".....	School Chorus
Essay — Music of Shakespeare.....	Miss Martin
Oration — The Wheelwright Fund	Mr. Pettingell
Essay — with Valedictory Address — The Triumphs of the Mind,	Miss Smith
Music	Orchestra

Award of Toppan Prize

Presentation of Diplomas

Singing — Class Ode..... Words by Miss Mace

Onward, happy classmates,
With your colors bright,
Let us all go forward
In the path of right ;
Though we be divided
In the mighty throng,
Do not fear or falter,
Keep both true and strong.

Chorus — Onward, happy classmates,
Marching on through life,
Keep our motto ever,
Both in calm and strife.

Onward, then, ye classmates,
Marching on life's way,
Keep your faces cheerful
Come whatever may ;
See that you accomplish
That which you attempt ;
See that you are faithful
When to duty sent.

• Benediction

Music by Nason's Orchestra.

Pianist, Miss Elizabeth M. Sargent

GRADUATING CLASS*High School*

Grace Aubin	William Stephen Buckley
Marguerite Lowell Blumpey	George Edgar Cooper
Marietta Brown	Michael Francis Creeden
Minnie Frances Collins	Eben Frederick Cutter
Sarah White Holmes	Lyman Edward Dodge
Elva Osgood Jones	Fred Eliphalet Greene
L. Florence Kimball	George Boynton Hatch
Jennie Prescott Lowell	James Henry Hunt
Edith Carroll Noyes	Frank Nichols Jaques
Katharine Carleton Nutting	Philip Coombs Pearson
Harriet May Ordway	Charles Ireland Pettingell
Annie Belle Richardson	Edward Cosgrove Reddy
Rosalie Lunt Robinson	Carl Purington Rollins
Elizabeth Mary Sargent	Ralph Lunt Shepard
Hattie Maria Smith	Charles Thomas Smith
Emily Frances Upton	Frank Arthur Smith
Walter Norcross Brown	Orlando Sargent Stockman

Putnam School

Alice Walton Adams	Mary Louise True
Ethel Ellen Beckman	Guy Winfield Chase
Clara Maud Dow	Hugh Galbraith Christie
Eliza Belle Fullford	Harry Walker French
Bertha Maude Knowles	Arthur Little
Nellie Etta Mace	Howard Adams Noyes
Olive Stanwood Mahar	Charles Rogers
Lina Waldo Martin	Charles Warren Spalding
Helen Webster True	

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

During the year ending July 3, 1897, but few changes occurred in the corps of grammar school teachers. The principal of the Jackman school, whose ill health had necessitated the employment of a substitute for a large part of the preceding year, was able to be at his post without further interruption.

At the Kelley school Miss Wetmore resigned her position as teacher of the seventh grade. The vacancy was filled for a few months by the appointment of Miss Grace Rivers. After Miss Rivers' withdrawal, which occurred at the close of the fall term, the school board decided to transfer Miss Nellie G. Stone from the position she had ably filled at the Storey Avenue school to the vacant room. This was done, and the result was such as to lead the board to believe that the best interests of the school would be promoted by her remaining permanently.

Miss Alice A. Bartlett, who had been transferred from the Bromfield street primary school to the assistant's room of the boys' grammar school on Forrester street, proved herself a teacher of unusual ability in her new position. Her success was complete, and it was fondly hoped she would be able to remain; but about the middle of the school year she felt compelled to withdraw. After several attempts to fill the position satisfactorily with an experienced teacher had failed, Miss Adelen Sargent

was appointed as a substitute. Miss Sargent has shown herself thoroughly capable and efficient, and has now received a permanent appointment.

The transfer of Miss Stone from the Storey Avenue school to the Kelley left a vacancy, which was filled by the appointment of Miss Georgie Bartlett, a recent graduate of the Training school. Miss Bartlett is conducting this school to the satisfaction of those interested in its welfare.

Our grammar schools have generally been managed by competent and successful teachers, who have maintained a good standard of scholarship and discipline, but it is becoming more and more difficult to fill vacancies in these schools. Occasionally there is a pupil teacher graduating from the Training school who shows exceptional ability and can be placed in charge of a grammar school room, but generally it is found necessary to go outside of our own city for such a teacher.

The instruction in the various branches taught in these schools has not materially changed from last year, except in respect to penmanship. At the beginning of the year the committee, in view of the success of vertical writing in many other places, decided to introduce that system into all grades below the High school. In most of the schools the results were good — in some rooms remarkably so, while in a few, especially those whose teachers found it difficult to change their own handwriting, the results were not so satisfactory. It must be remembered, however, that the older pupils, whose handwriting had already been formed and who had already acquired a habit of writing in one style, would naturally find it more difficult than the younger scholars whose hand had not yet become fixed. Another year, it is hoped, will find every room with average penmanship as good as the best of last year's.

KELLEY SCHOOL (Grammar Department)

Irving H. Johnson, principal

Nellie G. Stone	} Assistants {	Alice W. Hopkinson
Anna L. Whitmore		Clara J. Edgerly

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	230
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	203
" attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	193
Per cent of " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	94.5
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	710
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	257
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 years 2 months	
Number over 15 years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
" admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
" " " by " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Mabel Choate, Edith M. Chase, Russell Green, Nellie Haskell, Myra Noyes, Edw. H. Bartlett, Carl T. Wharton, Charles E. Hanna, Erskine Clement, Ada Mullins, Harriet D. Coffin, Pearl M. Pillsbury, Ruth Sargent.

JOHNSON SCHOOL (Grammar Department)

Anna L. Coffin, principal.

Emma M. Lander, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65.9
" attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62.7
Per cent of " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95.5
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	174
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 years 4 months	
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
" admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
" " " by " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Isabel Allen, Elizabeth E. Stevens, Mary P. Brookings, Ava L. Hardy, Grace M. Atwood, Ellen E. Quill, Mary Belle Pearson.

BROMFIELD STREET SCHOOL (Grammar Department)

Priscilla G. Craig, principal.

Abbie L. Frost, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	169
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	111
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 years 4 1-2 months	
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
“ admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Tula M. Reed, Mary M. Perkins, Sadie A. Hart, Mary J. Pettin-
gell, Gertrude L. Barrett, Fred P. Nutting, Harold A. Thurlow, Charles
J. Ross, Florence M. Towle, Diana P. Blair.

JACKMAN SCHOOL (Grammar Department)

George W. Brown, principal.

Anna M. Lamprey, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82.6
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78.6
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	94.5
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	339
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	204
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 years 4 months	
Number over fifteen years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
“ admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

R. W. Roberts, E. S. Brown, C. C. Shackford, Luren Stevens,
L. L. Emery, T. H. Mackinney, Stanley Besse, A. W. Southwell, J. L.
Safford, J. E. Fowle, E. M. Coffin, G. F. Avery, jr., A. W. Greenleaf.

CURRIER (BOYS) GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Sarah B. Chute, principal.

Adelena Sargent, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64.5
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61.6
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	12 years	11 months	
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Howard P. Wilson, Harold S. Greene, Frank R. Langmaid, Moses H. Williams, Edgar W. Mitchell, W. Cleveland Ross, James H. Roney.

CURRIER (GIRLS) GRAMMAR SCHOOL

S. E. Whitmore, principal.

Ellen Frothingham, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	72
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	96.5
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	119
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	13 years	5 1-2 months	
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
“ admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Names of pupils admitted to the High school :

Edith A. Medcalf, Bertha A. Ordway, Elizabeth C. Wills, Minnie G. Douglass, Edna M. Currier.

MOULTONVILLE SCHOOL

Helen S. Merrill, principal.

Flora Pettigrew, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44.6
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	89.2
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	131
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 years 9 months	
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
“ admitted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Edith M. Menut, Grace L. Bartlett.

STOREY AVENUE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Georgie Bartlett, principal

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21.8
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19.1
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87.6
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	72
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 years	
Number over fifteen years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ under five “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted to High school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Names of pupils admitted to High school :

Sadie Brooks, May Martin.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The primary schools of Newburyport include the first four grades of pupils. Children are admitted at five years of age, during the first part of each term. There are frequently applications to have them enter between four and five, but with our present school accommodations this cannot be done without over-crowding.

Till within a little over a year the school on Hancock street has been attended by girls only. At the Bromfield street school both boys and girls were admitted. This made a long distance for the smaller boys living at the extreme South-End, and caused the school to receive more pupils than could be accommodated. At the beginning of the school year it was decided by the board to make a mixed school of the room containing the first and second grades in Hancock street. Later the same step was taken in the next room of the third and fourth grades ; and at the present time boys are also attending the fifth grade or the lowest class of the grammar schools. So far as can be ascertained no unpleasant effects have been caused by this change.

In March, 1897, the lower room of the Hancock street school was so crowded that it became necessary to find additional accommodations. At the request of the school committee, the committee on public property prepared the ward room just in the rear of the school-house for occupancy. Twenty-five pupils

were taken from the Hancock street school, and Miss Eleanor S. Robinson was appointed teacher. Under her management the school entered at once into successful operation.

The relief afforded to the Bromfield street school by allowing boys to attend the Hancock street school enabled the teachers to pursue their work without the usual crowding.

The Curtis school, which at the time of the printing of the last annual report was nearly ready for occupancy, was used for the first time Jan. 11, 1897. Those pupils who had formerly attended this school returned, while those who had attended school farther down the street in the ward room were removed to this building. There were also several children who had lived near the line separating the two districts, attending the Congress street school, who could as well go to the Curtis school. In this way the school board was enabled to discontinue the use of the ward five ward room, so that at the present time no use as a school is made of either of the ward rooms of ward five or ward six.

The Curtis school on Ashland street is now in many respects the most modern and the best adapted to school purposes of any in the city. The four rooms have each forty-two desks for pupils. They are spacious, well-ventilated and comfortably warmed. The children and their parents take increased interest in their school, and there is but little doubt that the clean and pleasant surroundings will exercise a healthy moral influence. Would that every school-house was as good as this.

Few changes of teachers in the primary schools were made during the school year. Miss Lillian Greenleaf, who was appointed to succeed Miss Hoxie, as second assistant at the Bromfield street school, is meeting with excellent success, while Miss Mary T. Colby, who took the place of third assistant after the transfer of Miss Bartlett to the Forester street school, has a

school of the first and second grades that cannot easily be excelled. Attention has only been called to those rooms where changes have occurred. There are other rooms in the primary department doing fine work.

The primary schools are generally in a very satisfactory condition so far as discipline and instruction are concerned. As a whole the teachers of these grades are doing good work. While there are differences in ability and in the degree of success attained, all of them are striving constantly for better results. The changes that have been made in some of the school buildings, with the increased accommodations for pupils, will have a very salutary influence, not only upon the health of the children, but also upon the progress of the schools.

The work of the special teacher in drawing has systematized that branch, so that the regular teachers can feel that a definite plan has been provided for their guidance, and that they are all pursuing the same course. The recent introduction of music has added a new interest to the schools, and is providing a source of wholesome enjoyment, which will undoubtedly prove beneficial to many children outside of the school-room.

JOHNSON SCHOOL (Primary Department)

Jennie P. Haskell, principal.

Grace E. Bartlett, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	104
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	84
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77.7
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92.5
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	171
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	162
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 years 9 months	
Number under five years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted in all grades	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64

BROMFIELD STREET SCHOOL (Primary Department)

Lillian Greenleaf, principal.

Mary T. Colby, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	81.9
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75.8
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92.6
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	267
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 years 11 months	
Number under five years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted to grammar school	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

JACKMAN SCHOOL (Primary Department)

Josie W. Kimball, principal.

Lillian Hamilton, assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	86
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77.4
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71.9
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92.9
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	394
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	301
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 years 8 months	
Number under five years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted to grammar grade	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

TEMPLE STREET SCHOOL

Lillian Goodwin, principal

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	88
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	89
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 years 2 months	
Number under five years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted to grammar school	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

TRAINING SCHOOL

Frances W. Richards, principal

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	250
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	183
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	165.9
Per cent. of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	89.7
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	428
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	311
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 years 2 months	
Number under five years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
“ promoted to grammar school without examination	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
“ “ “ by “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

CONGRESS STREET SCHOOL

Elizabeth Cheever, principal

Sarah A. Ross, 1st assistant.

Gertrude E. Lewis, 2d assistant

Annie P. Toppan, 3d assistant

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	164
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	132.4
“ attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120.3
Per cent of “	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91

Average age	8 years 1 1-2 months
Cases of tardiness	387
Dismissions	167
Number under five years of age	0
" promoted to grammar school	29

CURTIS SCHOOL

Frances L. Pettigrew, principal

Sarah F. Badger, assistant.

Charlotte Dickins, assistant

Julia J. Hubbard, assistant

Total enrolment	146
Average membership	139.7
" attendance	128.4
Per cent of " "	92
Cases of tardiness	236
Dismissions	100
Average age	7 years 11 months
Number under five years of age	0
" promoted to grammar school	30

PURCHASE STREET SCHOOL

Mary A. Roaf, principal

Total enrolment	61
Average membership	44
" attendance	40.5
Per cent of " "	91.8
Cases of tardiness	171
Dismissions	30
Average age	5 years 8 months
Number under five years of age	0

WARD ROOM, WARD ONE

Eleanor S. Robinson, teacher

Total enrolment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26.3
" attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24.2
Per cent of " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	94.2
Cases of tardiness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Dismissions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Average age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 years
Number under five years of age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

TRAINING SCHOOL

Our training school, which began in 1889 as an experiment, has now become an established success. Since the opening of the school forty-five young ladies have graduated, eighteen of these have been employed in Newburyport and the others have found situations elsewhere. The number of pupil teachers for the past year has averaged about fourteen, more and more entering each year from the city. In February a class of three, Georgie Bartlett, Margaret Cockburn and Cora Oliver, and in September four more, Grace Gale, Edith Smith, Elizabeth Merrill and Julia Boyle, graduated. All these graduates soon found positions and are now teaching. No great changes have taken place in the school the past year.

About a year ago a new regulation was made by the school board respecting this school, viz : that every pupil teacher absent more than two weeks should be required to remain and make up the time after the class had graduated. This regulation was much needed and it is hoped will be strictly enforced, as the course is of itself so short for the work to be done that no time can be spared.

GRADUATES SINCE THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL

NAME	YEAR OF GRADUATION	BEGAN TEACHING IN NEWBURYPORT	PRESENT POSITION
Eleanor Towle	1891	Moultonville	—
Jennie Smith	1891	—	Malden
Annie Pike	1891	—	Not teaching
Lillian Greenleaf	1891	Congress street	Bromfield st.
Judith Plummer	1891	—	Not teaching
Sarah Ross	1891	Congress street	Congress street
Florence True	1891	Ashland "	Berlin, N. H.
Ida Blaisdell	1891	—	Merrimacport
Mabel Hodgkins	1891	—	Not teaching
Edith Johnson	1892	Training school	" "
Elizabeth Hoxie	1892	Bromfield street	—
Josephine Kimball	1892	Congress "	Jackman school
Gertrude Lewis	1892	—	Congress street
Ellen Greeley	1892	—	Not teaching
Grace Bartlett	1893	Johnson school	Johnson school
Annie Toppan	1893	" "	Congress street
Grace Hallier	1893	—	Amesbury
Ethel Savage	1893	—	"
Lillian Hamilton	1894	Training school	Jackman school
Charlotte Dickins	1894	Congress street	Ashland street
Julia Hubbard	1894	Ashland "	" "
Alice Hatch	1894	—	—
Emily Smith	1894	—	—
Alice Bartlett	1894	Bromfield street	Not teaching
Mary Greenleaf	1895	—	" "
Nora Whittier	1895	—	—
Mary Colby	1895	—	Bromfield st.
Lillian Goodwin	1895	Temple street	Temple street
Eleanor Robinson	1895	—	Ward room
Alice Hopkinson	1895	Training school	Kelley school
Hattie Baxter	1895	—	Merrimacport
Caroline Hardy	1895	—	Beverly
Ella Richardson	1896	—	Amesbury
Bessie Pike	1896	—	Watertown
Charlotte Holmes	1896	—	Brookfield
Jennie Adams	1896	—	Watertown
Grace Morse	1896	—	Waltham
Maude Huntington	1896	—	Amesbury
Alice Stevens	1896	—	"

Georgie Bartlett	1897	Storey avenue	Storey avenue
Margaret Cockburn	1897	---	Winchendon
Cora Oliver	1897	---	Georgetown
Grace Gale	1897	---	Newbury
Edith Smith	1897	---	Colerain
Elizabeth Merrill	1897	---	Grafton
Julia Boyle	1897	---	Milford

EVENING SCHOOLS

The evening schools were opened at the usual time in Temple street. Two sessions a week were held in each department; the boys' school in charge of Mr. W. P. Lunt as principal, with Miss Helen S. Merrill, Miss Flora Pettigrew and Miss Harriet Colman as assistants, on Tuesday and Friday evenings; the girls' school, with Miss Lizzie C. Ireland, principal, Miss Margaret Sargent and Miss Amelia Whittier, assistants, on Monday and Thursday evenings.

In both of these schools excellent order was maintained. The entire time of each pupil was devoted to work. Many of the pupils were in the elementary classes, learning to read, write and cipher.

While the attendance was not large, the advance made and the interest shown were gratifying. The room which had previously been dimly lighted by kerosene lamps was furnished with gas, which supplied excellent light.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

“ All things that are worth doing in art are interesting and attractive when they are done. There is no law of right which consecrates dullness. The proof of a thing being right is that it has power over the heart ; that it excites us, wins us, or helps us — and there is no goodness in art which is independent of the power of pleasing.”

— Ruskin.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE : —

Looking back over the work in drawing since last January, one cannot but see that there has been growth. The previous training has made it possible to take up the various subjects with less preliminary drill, in this way having time for more real work.

From the first there has been an unusual uniformity of results throughout the city in corresponding grades. Now one can detect the real artistic spirit creeping in here and there, which may be accounted for in this way. At first the teachers of the various grades, working with the same instructions, produced much the same results. Though they still work from the same directions, each teacher has gained something from past experience and so adds more or less individuality. More of this is desired.

Colored pencils were introduced in the three primary grades last spring, with very satisfactory results. Otherwise the primary grades have continued doing as well as in the previous year.

In the grammar work the fourth grades, taken as a whole, show the greatest improvement. In the principals' rooms (eighth grade) the pupils can do better work in less time than before. The fifth, sixth and seventh grades have not progressed as noticeably.

The brushes which were introduced in September in the principals' rooms have been the means of much profit, for the following reasons : First, in aiding the pupil to see and represent the whole and then the parts of any object or group of objects ; second, in their power of placing this upon paper by means of freer lines.

In the High school there has been a MARKED improvement. Now, having had some previous work in drawing, the pupils are ready for the two courses, which may be called the regular course and the mechanical course. The latter is especially for those pupils who have in view the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, although any pupil may take this course.

The fourth class are required to take drawing ; above this class drawing is optional. A pupil may choose one or both of these two courses or he may discontinue drawing.

For the mechanical course more material was necessary. A dozen cases of good instruments and a dozen bottles of Higgins' ink were supplied by the city. Fourteen pupils bought sets of their own.

The work from all the classes is much better than ever before. The previous year's training shows more here than in any other grade.

The first public exhibition of drawing, comprising all the thirteen grades of school, was held in Fraternity hall from May 18 to 20 inclusive. Very few of the visitors realized before that so much was taught under the broad subject of drawing. Even the teachers knew very little of the work done in the other grades.

In many ways this public exhibition was very profitable. It seems desirable that our second annual exhibition be held the first week in June, that there may be time for some work in design.

On the whole, I feel that drawing has grown quite satisfactorily and that it shows a good prospect for future growth.

Respectfully submitted,

SADIE MAY MORSE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

COOKING SCHOOL

During the summer vacation of 1897 a committee of ladies, consisting of Miss Abbie Noyes Little, Miss Margaret W. Cushing, Miss Anna L. Coffin and Mrs. Edmund P. Graves, started a cooking school in the basement of the Jackman school. The necessary funds were raised by private subscription without difficulty. The committee on public property kindly allowed the use of the room and furnished it with water. The school commenced July 15, with thirteen pupils, ranging in age from twelve to sixteen years. The pupils were instructed in the proper way of preparing the simple dishes used in every family. In addition to the bare cooking they were taught the reasons for every step, the possible variations, the relative value as food, and the use of each dish in the human economy.

The public interest in the school was such that at the close of the vacation the ladies who had initiated and successfully carried out the project decided to offer all the fixtures to the school board, if they would continue the school during the coming school year.

A committee of three members of the school board, who were appointed to investigate, reported as follows :

“ Under the exceptionally favorable circumstances offered by the ladies who conducted the cooking school for a few weeks this summer, your committee would advise the opening of a cooking school, as an experiment, making the same obligatory for all girls of the eighth

grade. To do this successfully it would be necessary to divide the schools into three classes, which will receive their instruction in rotation, one class taking for ten weeks the whole of Wednesday forenoon and occupying the usual hours of school work.

The committee would also further recommend, to save the expense of an additional janitor, that the lower room of the Purchase street school building, the Charles street side, be used for this purpose, and that the furniture offered by the ladies be removed thereto.

Should this report meet with the approval of the board, we would request that the committee on janitors make the necessary arrangements for the care of the room."

The report was accepted and recommendations adopted. Miss Elizabeth H. Little, who had taught the school during the vacation, was chosen as teacher; the committee on janitors made all the necessary arrangements, and the school commenced its work the first of November.

If any have doubts about the wisdom of such instruction, a visit to the school would quickly dispel them. The neatness, the systematic way in which everything is done, and the great interest shown by the scholars, are worthy of the highest commendation.

Our city has not yet introduced manual training; the cooking school is a step in that direction, taken at a very small expense.

MUSIC SYSTEM

With the opening of the new school year, September, 1897, the schools commenced a uniform system of instruction in music, with a special teacher in that branch. In the winter of 1896-7 a committee of the school board was appointed to consider what system was best adapted, in their opinion, to that purpose. This committee, after careful deliberation, reported recommending the Natural System of Music, published by the American Book Company.

The recommendation was adopted and music charts provided for all the schools. At the time of the appointment of teachers Miss Elizabeth C. Adams was chosen as supervisor of music, to give instruction in all the schools of the city in this system. Miss Adams entered upon her duties in September. She had only given two months to the work when ill health compelled her to resign. Mr. Grant Drake of Melrose was chosen as supervisor of music and entered upon his duties early in December.

NO RECESS

The plan of dispensing with recess in the forenoon session of the primary and grammar schools and dismissing the pupils fifteen minutes earlier was tried and found so beneficial that it has been made a part of the rules and regulations.

All teachers are expected to give enough gymnastic exercises to afford the needed change and relief from continuous sitting in the seats. There were many features connected with the former system of recess midway in the forenoon session which worked injuriously to the schools as a whole and to the children individually. In cold weather there were only a few children who played vigorously and were benefitted by active exercise in the open air, while the greater number of the pupils stood around watching the others, getting chilled and frequently taking cold. Then the difficulties that arose during recess required a large portion of the teacher's attention to adjust. Without the recess the same amount of time can be given to the work of the school with better results.

This plan has worked so successfully in other cities where it has been adopted that no wish is expressed to return to the old system of recess in the forenoon.

IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The enlargement of the building on Ashland street was completed and the building ready for occupancy in January, 1897. There are now four rooms, all of them spacious, well lighted, well heated, and thoroughly ventilated. Each of these rooms has forty-two desks for pupils, with one grade to a room. Miss Frances L. Pettigrew, the principal of the school, has the fourth grade in the front room of the second floor. On the same floor, in the rear, Miss Sarah F. Badger, the first assistant, has charge of the third grade. On the first floor Miss Charlotte Dickins has the second grade and Miss Julia J. Hubbard the first.

During the July and August vacation the city government placed in the Kelley school a new system of heating and ventilation. By this system an even temperature and pure air are guaranteed at all times and in all weathers. Although work was begun immediately at the close of the school year, it was impossible to get the building ready for occupancy till a week after the opening of the other schools.

There are now two school buildings heated and ventilated according to the requirements of the State, and it is understood that the city government will gradually, as fast as the financial condition permits, continue the work of improving the school buildings.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The following table, which I have the honor to submit to your consideration, will show the work which I have performed during the school year ending July 3, 1897.

The census of school children, taken May 1, 1897, accompanies this report. The number of children of school age is somewhat less than last year, owing to the dullness of business, which has caused the removal of many families from the city.

Respectfully,

ROBERT G. ALLEN,

Truant Officer.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 3, 1897

	No. of schools visited	No. of absences reported by teacher	No. of parents or guardians notified	No. of children absent from school on suspicion	Truancies determined by investigation	Truants returned to school	No. of children warned	No. of children returned to school from the streets	Tardiness investigated	No. of manufactories visited	No. of certificates issued.	No. of children found employed contrary to law	No. of children discharged to attend school	No. of employers notified	No. of half days truancy	No. of children placed before the court	No. of children sent to truant school	No. placed on probation
September, 1896	143	133	124	8	6	6	8	3	6	14	5	1	..	1	15	..	..	..
October	168	170	150	8	8	8	8	4	3	10	2	1	2	1	24	..	..	..
November	198	220	201	5	5	5	5	5	7	12	4	1	..	1	10	..	..	..
December	156	165	151	5	5	5	5	5	4	11	5	2	2	2	9	..	..	..
January, 1897	125	158	142	7	5	5	5	2	4	15	4	2	1	2	6	..	..	..
February	147	202	180	11	7	7	11	4	7	12	6	3	..	3	12	..	..	..
March	153	235	206	8	8	8	8	4	5	16	7	3	2	3	14	..	..	..
April	112	126	112	9	5	5	9	4	4	15	6	2	..	2	13	..	..	..
May	177	224	205	11	6	6	11	13	5	3	16	7	..	1	19	..	..	..
June	159	206	188	13	9	9	13	6	8	13	4	5	2	5	18	..	..	..
Totals	1530	1839	1659	85	64	64	86	55	55	121	59	27	9	21	140	..	..	..

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. ALLEN, Truant Officer.

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH GRADE, DECEMBER 1, 1897

SCHOOLS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Johnson - -	12	25	23	19	14	16	14	11	8	142
Ward room - -	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Bromfield street -	20	17	24	17	25	11	16	19	4	153
Purchase " -	27	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Jackman - -	..	18	19	19	17	15	16	20	25	149
Temple street -	10	10	11	14	..	..	..	..	..	45
Kelley, room E -	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	
" " F -	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	
" " I -	..	..	..	..	24	17	..	..	..	
" " G -	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	..	
" " H -	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	18	232
Training, room A	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
" " B	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
" " C	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	
" " D	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	190
Congress street -	31	34	29	33	..	..	..	..	..	127
Forrester st. boys'	..	..	..	..	23	15	15	9	6	68
" " girls'	..	..	..	..	18	15	18	12	10	73
Curtis school -	41	30	33	39	..	..	..	..	..	143
Moultonville -	14	6	6	7	4	10	8	2	1	58
Storey avenue -	3	3	2	1	6	3	1	4	2	25
Total - -	232	206	190	195	177	151	136	107	74	1468

High school :

First class - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Second " - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Third " - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Fourth " - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63

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SCHOOL CENSUS, CITY OF NEWBURYPORT, MAY 1, 1897

Compiled by the Truant Officer

WARDS	SEX	NUMBER OF CHILDREN BETWEEN FIVE AND FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE																																																		TOTALS BY WARDS																										
		PUBLIC SCHOOLS										TOTALS	PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS										TOTALS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS										TOTALS	NEITHER AT SCHOOL NOR AT WORK										TOTALS	AT WORK										TOTALS	TAUGHT AT HOME										TOTALS											
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	5	6		7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14	15																
1	Males - - Females - -	9 12	22 14	19 15	16 14	21 19	18 14	24 1	13 23	10 18	13 12	21 14	186 166	352	1 0	1 5	3 4	2 2	0 2	3 1	0 4	1 3	0 3	2 1	0 0	13 25	38	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 1	2	5 8	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 2	6 13	19	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	14 9	15 9	24	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	2	22 215	437	
2	Males - - Females - -	8 3	6 5	9 8	11 5	8 9	7 6	9 10	10 16	12 7	11 4	10 4	101 77	178	9 6	13 11	3 9	4 9	9 14	9 7	7 5	8 7	3 3	2 8	1 2	68 81	149	1 2	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 1	2 7	9	5 4	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 2	1 0	7 9	16	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	6 5	8 6	14 11	25	1 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 1	4	195 186	381
3	Males - - Females - -	8 5	4 12	13 9	12 10	10 17	11 4	18 8	13 17	13 12	22 4	6 5	130 103	233	10 3	7 4	5 3	9 7	7 11	3 5	9 2	8 6	1 4	8 6	0 3	67 54	121	0 1	2 1	0 0	0 0	1 3	0 0	1 1	0 1	0 0	0 1	0 0	4 8	12	4 8	2 0	0 2	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 1	0 0	9 12	21	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	6 3	8 4	14 7	21	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	224 184	408
4	Males - - Females - -	3 3	14 12	12 7	10 10	9 11	15 17	9 8	9 10	13 14	6 10	8 9	108 111	219	8 3	5 5	5 7	4 11	7 3	4 10	7 2	7 5	3 1	4 5	2 1	56 53	109	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	1	7 6	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 3	1 1	9 11	20	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 4	4 6	8 6	14	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1	182 182	364	
5	Males - - Females - -	6 5	8 10	8 7	7 6	8 9	7 11	11 8	14 6	9 5	12 7	2 2	92 76	168	7 9	6 12	11 7	10 7	6 7	6 5	8 11	2 6	6 7	5 9	1 4	68 84	152	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 1	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 2	3	5 3	1 2	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 3	1 0	7 10	17	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 0	5 8	8 8	16	1 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 2	4	178 182	360
6	Males - - Females - -	23 10	12 17	23 26	26 21	15 23	18 10	20 24	25 20	23 21	15 18	13 12	213 202	415	1 2	1 2	0 0	4 0	1 0	0 2	0 4	0 1	2 0	1 0	0 0	10 11	21	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	2	8 5	3 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	1 0	0 7	13 13	26	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 0	6 5	9 5	14	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	2	247 233	480			
TOTALS - - -		95	136	156	148	159	138	160	176	157	184	106	1565	59	72	57	69	67	55	59	54	33	51	14	590	8	5	1	0	7	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	29	68	14	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	12	14	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	83	114	2	4	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	13	2430				

	MALES	FEMALES
From 5 to 8 . .	358	326
8 to 14 . .	650	647
14 to 15 . .	180	144
15 to 16 . .	60	65
	1248	1182 = 2430

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. ALLEN, Truant Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS

December, 1897

SCHOOLS	Room	TEACHERS	GRADES	No. Desks	No. Pupils
High		G. A. Dickey, principal Arthur H. Berry, assistant Sara A. Leonard " Mary T. Spalding " Mary E. Smith " Bertha J. Atwater " Inez Cohen "			181
Kelley.....	H	Irving H. Johnson, principal	VIII, IX	49	48
	G	Nellie G. Stone, assistant	VII	49	48
	F	Anna L. Whitmore "	VI	49	49
	E	Clara J. Edgerly "	V	49	46
	I	Alice W. Hopkinson "	V, VI	41	41
Training school....	D	Frances W. Richards, prin.	IV	56	46
	C		III	56	43
	B		II	56	51
	A		I	56	50
Johnson	D	Anna L. Coffin, principal	VII, VIII, IX	33	33
	C	Emma M. Lander, assistant	V, VI	34	30
	B	Jennie P. Haskell "	III, IV	40	42
	A	Grace E. Bartlett "	I, II	40	37
Ward room.....		Eleanor Robinson	I	30	24
Bromfield	D	Priscilla G. Craig, principal	VII, VIII, IX	39	39
	C	Abbie L. Frost, assistant	V, VI	39	36
	B	Lillian Greenleaf "	III, IV	40	41
	A	Mary T. Golby "	I, II	40	37
Jackman	D	George W. Brown, principal	VIII, IX	50	45
	C	Anna M. Lamprey, assistant	VI, VII	50	31
	B	Josie W. Kimball "	IV, V	50	36
	A	Lillian Hamilton "	II, III	50	37
Forrester street boys'	B	Sarah B. Chute, principal	VII, VIII, IX	36	30
	A	Adelena Sargent, assistant	V, VI	36	38
Forrester street girls'	B	Sarah E. Whitmore, prin.	VII, VIII, IX	36	40
	A	Ellen Frothingham, assist.	V, VI	36	33
Moultonville	B	Helen S. Merrill, principal	V, VI, VII, VIII, IX	36	25
	A	Flora Pettigrew, assistant	I, II, III, IV	36	33
Storey avenue		Georgie Bartlett, principal	I to IX inclusive	48	25
Congress street.....	D	Elizabeth H. Cheever, prin.	IV	40	33
	C	Sarah L. Ross, assistant	III	40	29
	B	Gertrude L. Lewis "	II	44	34
	A	Annie P. Toppan "	I	40	31
Purchase street....		Mary A. Roaf, principal	I, II	42	39
Temple street		Lillian Goodwin, principal	I, II, III, IV	48	45
Curtis school.....		Frances L. Pettigrew, prin.	IV	42	39
		Sarah E. Badger, assistant	III	42	33
		Charlotte Dickins "	II	42	30
		Julia J. Hubbard "	I	42	41

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Appropriation	\$28,700.00	
Income from Brown fund.....	675.00	
Tuition from non-resident pupils.....	335.50	
		\$29,710.50
Overdrawn.....		809.69
		\$30,520.19

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of teachers.....	\$22,715.00	
" pupil teachers	493.50	
Salary of superintendent.....	1,200.00	
" truant officer	500.00	
Janitors.....	1,375.46	
Evening schools	273.25	
Printing and advertising	107.35	
Sundries.....	254.31	
Books and supplies	1,389.59	
Rent of Putnam school building	500.00	
Fuel.....	1,650.93	
Paid highway department	60.80	
		\$30,520.19

GENERAL STATISTICS

Taxable property of the city	\$9,664,074.00
Estimated value of school property	99,284.00
Total sum available for schools	29,710.50
Total expenditures (not including repairs)	30,520 19
Population at last census	14,554
Children of school age, May 1, 1897	2,305
Number in private and parochial schools	619
Total enrolment in the public schools	1,932
Average membership "	1,633
Average attendance "	1,533
Per cent " "	93.8
Number of teachers employed in 1897	43
Male teachers, 1897	4
Female "	39
Special "	2
Average cost per pupil for books and supplies	\$0.85+

TEACHERS AND SALARIES

1897-8.

High school	-	-	-	{ George A. Dickey, principal, salary \$2,000; paid by the city, \$1600 Arthur H. Berry, sub-master - - 1000 Sarah A. Leonard, assistant - - 600 Mary T. Spalding, " - - 650 Mary E. Smith, " - - 600 Bertha J. Atwater, " - - 600 Inez Cohen, " - - 550—\$5600
Kelley school	-	-	-	{ Irving H. Johnson, principal - - 1000 Nellie G. Stone, assistant - - 450 Anna L. Whitmore, " - - 400 Alice W. Hopkinson " - - 400 Clara J. Edgerly, " - - 400— 2650
Training school	-	-	-	{ Frances W. Richards, principal - 1000
Jackman school	-	-	-	{ George W. Brown, principal - - 1300 Anna M. Lamprey, 1st assistant, 450 Josie W. Kimball, 2d " - 400 Lillian Hamilton, 3d " - 350— 2500
Johnson school	-	-	-	{ Anna L. Coffin, principal - - 500 Emma M. Lander, 1st assistant - 400 Jennie P. Haskell, 2d " - 375 Grace E. Bartlett, 3d " - 350— 1625
Bromfield school	-	-	-	{ Priscilla G. Craig, principal - - 550 Abbie L. Frost, 1st assistant - 400 Lillian Greenleaf, 2d " - 375 Mary T. Colby, 3d " - 350— 1675
Currier grammar (boys')	-	-	-	{ Sarah B. Chute, principal - - 750 Adelena Sargent, assistant - - 375— 1125
Currier grammar (girls')	-	-	-	{ Sarah E. Whitmore, principal - 500 Ellen Frothingham, assistant - 400— 900
Moultonville school	-	-	-	{ Helen S. Merrill, principal - - 400 Flora Pettigrew, assistant - - 350— 750

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Storey avenue school	-	{ Georgie Bartlett, principal - - -	\$350	
Temple street primary	-	{ Lillian Goodwin, principal - - -	375	
Congress street primary	-	{ Elizabeth H. Cheever, principal -	375	
		{ Sarah L. Ross, 1st assistant - -	350	
		{ Gertrude E. Lewis, 2d " - -	350	
		{ Annie P. Toppan, 3d " - -	350—	1425
Curtis school	- - -	{ Frances L. Pettigrew, principal -	375	
		{ Sarah F. Badger, 1st assistant -	350	
		{ Charlotte Dickins, 2d " -	350	
		{ Julia J. Hubbard, 3d " -	350—	1425
Purchase street primary	-	{ Mary A. Roaf, teacher - - - -	350	
Ward room, ward one	-	{ Eleanor S. Robinson, teacher - -	350	
Special teachers	- -	{ Sarah Morse, supervisor of drawing - - - - -	600	
		{ Grant Drake, supervisor of music	500—	1100

ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK, Vice-Chairman.

WILLIAM P. LUNT, Secretary.



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT,

CITY GOVERNMENT.

1898.



CITY GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS—1898.

MAYOR,

GEORGE H. PLUMER.

Residence, 93 High street. Office—City Hall.

PRESIDENT BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

JERE HEALEY, . . . 16 Dove street.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ward One.

CHARLES L. PERKINS, . . . 10½ Bromfield st.

Ward Two.

THOMAS HUSE, . . . 69 Prospect st.

Ward Three.

BENJAMIN P. IRELAND . . . 14 Fair street.

Ward Four.

ABRAM A. CRABTREE . . . 35 Winter street.

Ward Five.

JERE HEALEY . . . 16 Dove street.

Ward Six.

GEORGE W. COOPER . . . 1 N. Atkinson st.

Clerk of Board.

GEORGE H. STEVENS.

COMMON COUNCIL.

JOHN H. BALCH, JR., President.

Ward One.

SAMUEL J. HUGHES	.	.	.	17 Barton street.
GEORGE S. LANG	.	.	.	2 Harrison street.
CHARLES H. SHACKFORD	.	.	.	29 Bromfield st.

Ward Two.

BENAIHAH F. GERRISH,	.	.	.	29 Milk street.
LAURENS C. EMERY	.	.	.	17 Orange street
ALEXANDER G. PERKINS	.	.	.	15 Horton street.

Ward Three.

GEORGE RAY SARGENT	.	.	.	18 Fruit street.
ARTHUR P. BROWN	.	.	.	9 Orange street..
JOHN H. WHEELER	.	.	.	39 Federal street.

Ward Four.

CHARLES W. AYERS	.	.	.	153 High street.
JOHN E. BATCHELDER	.	.	.	12 Summer street
RALPH S. BAILEY	.	.	.	10 Market street.

Ward Five.

ANDREW J. CASEY	.	.	.	8½ Buck street.
LAWRENCE C. HUSE	.	.	.	210 High street.
JOHN H. BALCH, JR.	.	.	.	62 Washington st.

Ward Six

ALFRED D. MERRILL	.	.	.	— Woodland st.
ALBERT H. BECKFORD	.	.	.	15 Woodland st.
JOB WESTON	.	.	.	2 Jefferson court.

Clerk of the Council.

THOMAS E. CUTTER.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

FINANCE—Mayor, *ex-officio*; Alderman Healey, Councilmen Brown, Perkins, Beckford, Hughes and Wheeler.

ACCOUNTS—Aldermen Cooper and Huse, Councilmen Ayers, Hughes and Casey.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—Mayor, *ex-officio*; Aldermen Huse, Crabtree and Perkins, Councilmen Shackford, Perkins, Brown, Ayers, Huse and Merrill.

ALMSHOUSE AND POOR—Aldermen Ireland and Healey, Councilmen Gerrish, Lang, Huse and Merrill.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Crabtree, Cooper and Huse, Councilmen Weston, Hughes, Sargent and Ayers.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS—Aldermen Perkins and Crabtree, Councilmen Merrill, Gerrish and Batchelder.

SAWYER FUND—Alderman Ireland, Councilmen Shackford and Batchelder.

BROWN FUND—Alderman Healey, Councilmen Hughes and Bailey.

TODD FUND—Alderman Perkins, Councilmen Ayers and Casey.

DEXTER AND ATWOOD FUNDS—Mayor, *ex-officio*; City Treasurer Felker, *ex-officio*, and President John H. Balch, jr., *ex-officio*.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—Mayor, ex-officio; Aldermen Ireland and Crabtree, President Balch, Councilmen Sargent, Emery and Beckford.

CLAIMS—Aldermen Healey and Crabtree, Councilmen Lang, Weston and Brown.

ORDINANCES—Mayor, ex-officio; Councilmen Wheeler and Beckford.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Councilmen Lang, Emery, Wheeler, Bailey, Casey and Weston.

FUEL—Aldermen Ireland and Perkins, Councilmen Emery, Batchelder and Bailey.

LIGHTING STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Aldermen Ireland and Cooper, Councilmen Gerrish, Merrill and Hughes.

PRINTING—Alderman Healey, Councilmen Shackford and Wheeler.

WATER SUPPLY—Aldermen Huse and Cooper, Councilmen Brown, Batchelder and Weston.

SEWERAGE—Aldermen Ireland and Crabtree, Councilmen Sargent, Huse and Bailey.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

SALARIES—Aldermen Healey and Cooper, Councilmen Perkins, Shackford and Beckford.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF
ALDERMEN.

POLICE—Mayor, ex-officio ; Aldermen Huse and Crabtree.

ELECTIONS—Aldermen Perkins, Healey and Ireland.

BROMFIELD FUND—Aldermen Ireland, Healey and Cooper.

PUTNAM AND ATKINSON FUND—Aldermen Perkins, Healey and Ireland.

LICENSES—Aldermen Cooper, Huse and Healey.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Healey, Crabtree and Perkins.

FROTHINGHAM FUND—Aldermen Perkins, Crabtree and Ireland.

GREEN FUND—Aldermen Healey, Huse and Perkins.

TOPPAN FUND—Aldermen Cooper, Perkins and Healey.

ABRAHAM WILLIAMS FUND—Aldermen Huse, Perkins and Ireland.

WILLIAM O. MOSELEY FUND—Aldermen Crabtree, Cooper and Healey.

STATE AID, MILITARY AID AND SOLDIERS RELIEF—Aldermen Crabtree, Perkins and Huse.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ELECTIONS AND RETURNS—Councilmen Ayers, Sargent and Gerrish.

ENROLLED BILLS—Councilmen Brown, Casey and Emery.

BILLS OF SECOND READING—Councilmen Perkins, Wheeler and Bailey.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE H. PLUMER, [Mayor,] Chairman, ex-officio.
SAMUEL C. BEANE, Vice-Chairman . 6 Harris street.
WILLIAM P. LUNT, Supt. and Sec. . Office at City Hall.
ROBERT G. ALLEN, Truant Officer, . 25 Milk street.

TWO YEARS.

Ward One.

EDWARD PERKINS, [term expires 1900] . 13 Parsons street.
WILLIAM T. HUMPHREYS [term expires 1899] 56 Purchase street.

Ward Two.

CHARLES W. POORE, [term expires 1900] . 65 Prospect street.
PRENTISS H. REED, [term expires 1899] . 55 Lime street.

Ward Three.

DAVID P. COFFIN, [term expires 1900] . 73 High street.
GEORGE E. L. NOYES, [term expires 1899] 101 State street.

Ward Four.

GEORGE W. WORCESTER, [term expires 1900] 124 High street.
SAMUEL C. BEANE, [term expires 1899] . 6 Harris street.

Ward Five.

HENRY B. LITTLE, [term expires 1900] . 215 High street.
OLIVER B. MERRILL, [term expires 1899] . — Monroe street.

Ward Six.

PAUL A. MERRILL, [term expires 1900] . 24 Tyng street.
ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK, [term expires 1899] 298 High street.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

ERNEST H. NOYES, M. D., (City Physician,) ex-officio.

TERM TWO YEARS.

JOHN E. BAILEY, Chairman, (term expires Dec. '98) 6 Kent st.

CHARLES W. PAGE, (term expires Dec. '99) . 12 Horton st.

Agent of the Board.

GEORGE W. KNIGHT, ... Parker street.

Clerk of the Board.

AMOS H. GEARY, (Office: City Hall) . 36 Prospect st.

Inspector of Plumbing.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, ... 2 Bromfield ct.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

(Office: City Hall.)

TERM THREE YEARS.

Amos H. Geary, Chairman, (term expires Dec. '98) 36 Prosp't st.

Jos. L. Johnson, Secretary, (term expires Dec. '99) 27 Wash'n st.

William. H. Huse, (term expires Dec. 1900) 173 Merrimac st.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor) Chairman, ex-officio

TERM THREE YEARS.

L. W. Sargent, Vice-Ch. (term expires Dec. 1900) 280 High st.

William F. Houston, (term expires Dec. 1899) 2 Harris street.

Benj. F. Hathaway, (term expires Dec. 1899) 50 Purchase st.

Clerk of Overseers of the Poor.

William H. Bayley, (Office: City Hall) . 63 Bromfield st.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

GEORGE H. STEVENS, (City Clerk), ex officio, 37 Kent street.

TERM THREE YEARS.

NATH'L GREELEY, Ch., (term expires Apr. 1901) 37 Marlboro st.

LUTHER CARTER, (term expires Apr. 1900) 11 Kent street.

BENJAMIN G. DAVIS, (term expires Apr. 1899) 1 Horton st.

Board of Water Commissioners.

(Office: Bartlett street.)

TERM FIVE YEARS.

Albert W. Greenleaf, (term expires May 1901) 9 Parsons street.

Nathaniel Appleton, (term expires May 1900) 126 High street.

John N. Pike, (term expires May 1899) 39 Green street.

Charles C. Dame, (term expires May 1898) 28 High street.

Charles H. Sargent, (term expires May 1902) 323 High street.

Philip H. Lunt, Treasurer.

William H. Lawrence, Superintendent.

Harold S. Noyes, Clerk.

Trustees of Simpson Fund.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor), ex-officio.

John H. Balch, Jr. (President of Common Council), ex-officio.

Thomas C. Simpson, (term expires Dec. 1900.)

Charles C. Dame, (term expires Dec. 1898.)

Eliphalet Griffin, (term expires Dec. 1899.)

Treasurer and Clerk—James V. Felker, (City Treasurer.)

Board of Park Commissioners.

TERM THREE YEARS.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor), ex-officio.

John H. Balch, Jr. (President of the Common Council,) ex-officio.

Orrin J. Gurney, (term expires Dec. 1898.)

Eliphalet Griffin, (term expires Dec. 1899.)

Charles C. Stockman (term expires Dec. 1900.)

Commissioners of Atkinson Common.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor,) ex-officio.

John H. Balch, Jr. (President of Common Council), ex-officio.

Alvah Hoyt, (term expires April 1898.)

Leonard W. Sargent, (term expires April 1900.)

Orlando F. Hatch, (term expires April 1899.)

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor), ex-officio.

John H. Balch, Jr. (President of Common Council), ex-officio.

William H. Welch (City Auditor), ex officio.

Charles C. Dame, (term expires Dec. 1898.)

Philip H. Lunt, (term expires Dec. 1899.)

Treasurer and Clerk—James V. Felker, (City Treasurer.)

Liquor License Commissioners.

Moses Brown, chairman and secretary (term expires May 1900.)

Jacob True Rowe, (term expires May 1902.)

Arthur C. Richardson, (term expires May 1904.)

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Trustees Wheelwright Scientific Fund.

George H. Plumer, (Mayor), ex-officio.
 Robert Codman, President.
 James E. Whitney, Treasurer.
 John W. Winder, Secretary.
 John W. Dodge,
 Lawrence B. Cushing.

City Clerk.

George H. Stevens 37 Kent street.
 Office: City Hall.

Assistant City Clerk.

Henry W. Little 45 Purchase street.
 Office: City Hall.

City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

James V. Felker 12 Harris street.
 Office: City Hall.
 Clerk of City Treasurer—Joseph M. Greenough, Jr.

City Auditor.

William H. Welch 24 Washington street.
 Office: First National Bank.

City Solicitor.

Horace I. Bartlett Moseley Ave.
 Office: 25 State street.

City Messenger.

Frank H. Rundlett . . . 78 Federal street.
Office: City Hall.

Superintendent of Schools.

William P. Lunt . . . 19 Pond street.
Office: City Hall.

Superintendent of Highways.

Charles M. Pritchard . . . 17 Atwood street.
Office: Basement of Armory Building.

Superintendent of Sewers.

Francis Curtis . . . 3 Park street.

City Physician.

Ernest H. Noyes . . . 12 Essex street.

Superintendent of Old and New Hill Burying Grounds.

Alfred Gurney . . . 262 Merrimac street.

Chief Engineer Fire Department.

Hiram H. Landford . . . 20 Purchase street.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Hiram H. Landford . . . 20 Purchase street.

Librarian Public Library.

John D. Parsons 192 High street.
Office: Public Library.

Superintendent Public Reading Room.

Martha P. Lunt 19 Pond street.

NEWBURYPORT POLICE FORCE:

City Marshal.

Frank L. Lattime, (Office: Central Police Station) 132½ Water st.

Asst. City Marshal.

Simon E. Wilson.

Captain of the Watch.

Patrick Creedon.

Day Officers.

Charles W. Wells,

Lemuel Hicken.

Night Patrolmen.

Seth Young,
Joseph H. Post,
Philip H. Creasey,

Henry C. Tate,
George W. Lattime,
William H. Pike,

John L. McLean,
James W. Merritt,
William Gillis.

Constables.

Patrick Creedon,
Moses P. Towne,
John J. Bryan,

Frank H. Rundlett,
John Burke,
Robert G. Allen,
Albert D. Hale.

Simon E. Wilson,
Samuel W. Tuck,
Frank L. Lattime,

Deputy Collectors of Taxes.

Samuel W. Tuck, John J. Bryan, Robert G. Allen.

Inspector of Buildings.

Hiram H. Landford.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

George W. Knight.

Harbor Master.

Nathan D. Rodigrass.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Amos H. Geary, . . . Office: City Hall.

Measurers of Grain.

Moses H. Rolfe, Charles B. Knight, Frank W. Landford,
Dennis Healey.

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar.

George W. Knight, . . . Office: City Hall.

Gaugers.

Amos H. Geary, William S. Coffin, Hiram P. Macintosh

Surveyors of Lumber.

Orlando F. Hatch,	Charles L. Perkins,	Gideon C. Webster,
George E. Currier,	William B. Coffin,	William H. Morse,
Leonard W. Sargent,	Thomas F. Corey,	Edward Perkins,
Edgar Ross,	Chas. W.H. Jackman,	Alex. G. Perkins,
Edward G. Perkins,	Ezra Lunt,	Joseph Langevin,
Fred B. Morse,		Will'd A. Hatch 2d

Weighers of Coal, Hay and Other Merchandise.

Charles W. Nelson,	Edward Donahue, Jr.,	William S. Coffin.
Harry W. Bayley,	Lawrence Whalen,	John J. Collins.
Fred L. Atkinson,	Jere Healey,	James Conley,
Fred L. Macintosh,	Edward E. Varina,	Fred B. Fanning,
James Joy,	William Conley,	John L. Noyes,
Walter E. Atkinson,	Amos H. Geary,	John Collins,
Alonzo C. Pearson,	Jackson Greenaway,	John H. Balch, jr.
Joseph L. Jacoby,	Rudolph Jacoby,	Edward Donahue,
Leonard W. Coker,	Frank A. Bray,	Louis A. Sloman,
George L. Bray,		Annie Healey.

Field Drivers.

Jeremiah S. Parker,

Nathan A. Massey.

Pound Keepers.

Pound No. 1—Auburn street	.	.
Pound No. 2—Wesley street	.	.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

John H. Balch, Jr.,	Fred L. Atkinson,	John Collins,
John L. Noyes,	Fred B. Fanning,	John J. Collins,
Jere Healey,	William S. Coffin,	Joseph Woods,
George L. Bray,	Frank A. Bray,	Charles A. Pearson,
Charles W. Nelson,	C. W. H. Jackman,	Jackson Greenaway.

Measurers of Charcoal.

Fred L. Atkinson,	John H. Balch, Jr.	John L. Noyes,
Jere Healey,		William S. Coffin.

Weighers and Measurers of City Fuel.

Amos H. Geary,	Charles W. Nelson,	William S. Coffin.
Leonard W. Coker,		Edward Donahue.

Inspector of Coal Baskets.

Amos H. Geary, Office : City Hall.

Fence Viewers.

Fred B. Morse,	Dexter W. Dutting.
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Measurer of Upper Leather.

Luther Carter.

MEETINGS.

CITY COUNCIL.

FIRST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LAST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LAST MONDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH.

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Commencing with last Monday of each month.

Monday evening—School Committee; Lighting Streets, etc.; Bridges and Culverts; Overseers of the Poor.

Tuesday evening—Public Property.

Wednesday evening—Highway; Police.

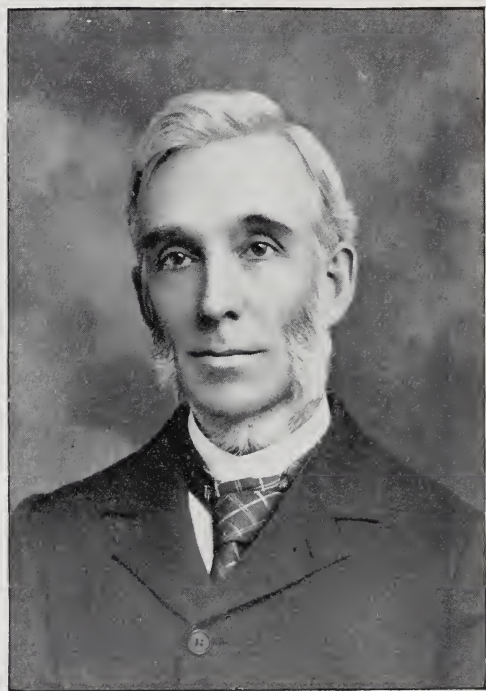
Thursday evening—Fire Department; Sewerage; Printing.

Friday evening—Accounts.

First Friday evening after first Monday each month—State Aid, Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief.

MAYOR'S
INAUGURAL ADDRESS.
1898.





HON. GEORGE H. PLUMER, MAYOR.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
OF
HON. GEORGE H. PLUMER.

DELIVERED JANUARY 3, 1898.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We have been selected by our fellow citizens to administer the affairs of our city for the municipal year of 1898.

The man of property desires careful and prudent management of public affairs that his investments may prove profitable and that no undue burden of taxation may be imposed upon him.

The wage earner wants good streets and sidewalks to drive or to walk upon; pure water to drink; the best of schools for the instruction of his children; with a strict enforcement of the laws and ordinances, that he may dwell here in happiness and content.

From our citizens and manufacturing industries the city draws its financial support, and during these times of business depression we should carefully look after the financial interests of the city and see that not a dollar of the city's money is wasted or carelessly expended, or used in any way that the city does not receive full value for every expenditure. Let us use our influence in favor of our city as a place for business; as a place for residence; take pride in our birthplace and work and talk for its prosperity and growth.

The welfare of our community, its policy in a business way, and its moral reputation will be measured to a great degree by the character, ability, and methods of its city government.

The inspiring force that should control all our actions should be for the greatest common good without reference to locality or party cliques. With these thoughts in mind we shall perform our duty to ourselves and to all our people whom we represent.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

The city's finances is the first subject to receive our consideration. A wise financial policy is the first necessity of good municipal government; such

a policy requires a careful estimate of the current expenses for the year, the raising by taxation of an income sufficient to cover such expenses, and so spending that money as to live within our income, and any work done or improvement made should be paid for out of this year's income and not have the burden hidden by debt.

Appropriations and income for the year 1897.....	\$193,400 71
Expenses for the year 1897	198,966 60
Making an overdraft.....	\$ 5,565 89

Yet this overdraft of \$5,565.89 does not represent all the indebtedness that this city government will be called upon to provide for, as there are several outstanding bills of material size that have not been presented which will add to the overdraft of \$5,565.89.

The gross debt of the city ending Dec. 18, 1897....	\$548,005 86
Less sinking fund, etc.....	148,161 84
Dec. 18, 1897, leaving net debt.....	\$399,844 02
Dec. 19, 1896, " " "	385,686 36
Making an increase of the net debt for 1897 of.....	\$ 14,157 66
The net city debt ending Dec. 18, 1897 is.....	\$399,844 02
" " " " 19, 1895 is.....	378,955 44
Making an increase in the net debt during the past two years of.....	\$ 20,888 58

One permanent expense is the interest account of some \$23,464.00 which is practically one-ninth of our total annual expense. I trust our finance committee will carefully consider this item when the appropriations are made.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R. STOCK.

The city owns 411 shares of B. & M. R. R. stock. It cost to carry that stock for 1897:

Interest on the loan.....	\$2,874 31
Dividends received on the stock.....	2,466 00
Making a loss of	\$ 408 31

For 1896:

Interest paid on loan.....	\$2,670 01
Dividends on stock.....	2,466 00
Loss.....	\$ 204 01

Making a loss in two years of \$612.32. Hence the city should surely dispose of this stock as soon as it can, without too much loss on the cost of the stock, and if sold at 175 per share would realize a sum sufficient to take up the temporary loan.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The records of the water commissioners show that the Newburyport Water Company deeded their works and plant to the city in February, 1895.

As you already know, the commissioners appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court of this commonwealth awarded the Water Company \$275,000.00 as being the fair value of its property and rights.

From this award the company appealed to the above court, with the result that the said award was sustained as being in accordance with the law and justice of the case as presented.

From this decision an appeal has again been taken by the Water Company to the United States Circuit Court upon questions of law arising under the Federal Constitution, and the case having been argued before this court, we are now awaiting its decision.

I believe we should continue to employ the very best legal talent, and continue the defence of the city in sustaining the award as made.

The cost of the works to date is,

Commissioners' award..... \$275,000 00

COUNSEL FEES PAID.

A. E. Pillsbury.....\$ 17,500 00

W. H. Moody..... 5,000 00

Amount carried forward.....\$22,500 00

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$22,500 00
C. C. Dame.....	5,088 50
Three Commissioners.....	8,450 00
R. E. Burke, City Solicitor	2,578 01
	38,616 51
Sundries.....	15,397 98
Total expense paid to Dec. 18, 1897.....	\$54,014 49
Making total expense to date	\$329,014 49
Bill of R. E. Burke, City Solicitor, pending	\$ 2,866 00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

One of our important duties is to look after and foster our public schools, for they are the hope and strength of the state.

There needs to be an awakened public interest in our schools, and that our city council should take pride in the education and improvement of our children, mentally morally and physically; also be in closer touch with the School Board that each may assist the other that the mark of improvement begun in the Curtis school house and the Kelley shall be continued until every school building in the city is made a model place for health, for comfort and for instruction.

The expenses of the School department have been gradually increasing, but they still remain much below the cost in most cities and towns of the State. The little town of Hull leads the list with \$51.33 spent for each child between the ages of five and fifteen; Medford with some two hundred less children than our own city appropriates \$55.446.00, or \$25.19 per child; Brookline, \$41.53 per child of school age; North Hampton, \$15.21; and we spend per child of school age only \$10.19. These figures are taken from the last report of the State Board of Education and include only the salaries of teachers, fuel and care of fires and school rooms.

The expenses for the year 1897 were.....\$30,520 19

Salaries of teachers, superintendent,

janitors and truant officer..... \$26,283 96

Books and supplies..... 1,389 59

Fuel..... 1,650 93

Evening schools..... 273 25

Rent and sundries..... 922 46

\$30,520 19

We need a more liberal supply of school readers, of reference books, and of school tools to work with to obtain the best results or to keep our schools up to the average of the schools of the state.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

The total expense of the Poor Department for the year 1897 has been \$23,356.61. The income from business sources, including the appropriation of \$18,500.00, has been \$23,487.63, leaving an undrawn balance of \$131.02.

The cost of supporting the insane in the State institutions during the past year has been \$6,973.82, which is \$986.47 more than last year. This is the largest sum ever paid in any one year in the history of our city.

Insanity in our city is increasing to an alarming extent, 15 having been committed the past year for whom the Poor Department must provide. Bills will be presented at the next meeting of the General Court asking for an increase in price of board in the State Asylums of 45 cents per week, which, should it become law, will greatly increase the already heavy burden upon our city.

Some twenty families have for the first time been obliged to call upon the city for aid on account of the depression in business, and it is feared that the expenses of this department will be greatly increased during the coming year.

HIGHWAYS.

Extensive improvements have been made in many of our streets and walks the past few years, and as one main thoroughfare, High street, is nearly completed (being only nine hundred feet short of Three Roads) would urge that it be finished as far as possible and meet the State highway, thus giving us one perfect road the whole length of our city, and joining the last link with the State road through to West Newbury; other new work to depend upon the absolute necessity of each case and our financial condition to afford it. For further information I would refer you to the superintendent's report.

STREET LIGHTING.

Our streets are lighted principally by electricity in a manner not quite satisfactory. The committee having charge of this department should by careful investigation ascertain if prices cannot be reduced and better results obtained.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

is an institution of which we may well be proud, and it should continue to receive our fostering care and support. I would refer you to the annual report of the directors for full information as to its condition.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Chief Engineer reports the fire department in first-class condition and the members thereof as equal to any in the state. They are brave, faithful and never refuse to go where duty calls, and we should commend them for their noble work. The apparatus is all in good condition having been newly repaired and painted.

The committee at their November meeting voted to adopt the storage system for the fire alarm, believing it to be for the best interests of the city. The cost of that system will be about \$650.00.

The chief also informs me that permission has been granted the city to take the electric current from the street railway company's wires free of cost, thus making the running expenses comparatively small.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The police should be a body of men well drilled, under thorough discipline, and always obedient to their officers; temperate, courteous and gentlemanly, and yet in the performance of their duties firm and inexorable; tidy in dress and personal appearance, in short, an officer and at the same time a gentleman. Ours falls much short of this (according to popular

belief,) hence needs our early attention that it may wake up and become an active, efficient, well drilled and strong arm of the law.

I trust that the license commissioners will co-operate with the executive and the police in the enforcement of the license laws and that said commissioners will insist that all who hold licenses shall in all respects obey the law.

MAYOR'S SALARY.

By comparison with other cities the amount paid for the mayor's salary is too large, and in my opinion should be reduced to \$900, or not exceed \$1,000, and I would call the attention of the committee on salaries to that item when adjusting salaries of city officials.

In conclusion, gentlemen, we are here under our solemn oaths to do the will of the people as best we know how. I desire to express to you the earnest hope that in the transaction of all the business of the city that shall come into our hands, we may work in harmony, economically and faithfully; for by so doing we shall have done our full duty and satisfy those who have entrusted us with this great responsibility.

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